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## Cochise County Library District

*"Public programs...personal service"*

Minutes of the **October 23, 2024**, meeting of  
The Cochise County Library District Citizen Liaison Council

The meeting came to order at 1:04 pm, at the Cochise College Andrea Cracchiolo Library in Sierra Vista.

**Members and guests present:** Mary Jo Burns (Tombstone City Library); Cinda Combs (Bisbee's Copper Queen Library); Stephanie Fulton (Huachuca City Public Library); Diane Hildebrandt (Huachuca City Library); Bonnie Phillips (Tombstone City Library); Amadee Ricketts (Cochise County Library District), Karly Scarbrough (Sierra Vista Public Library); Abraham Villarreal (Douglas Public Library, CLC Chair)

**Absent:** Benson Public Library, Willcox's Elsie S. Hogan Community Library

**Minutes from prior meetings:** Karly Scarbrough moved to approve the minutes from the Citizen Liaison Council meeting held on April 24, 2024. Diane Hildebrandt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### Member reports:

**Bisbee's Copper Queen Library:** Cinda Combs shared news and highlights from Bisbee.

Copper Queen Library staff went to Washington DC in July to attend the National Medal for Museum and Library Service ceremony. The National Medal, which was awarded to CQL and nine other institutions in May, is considered the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries.

Library manager Jason Macoviak appeared on the cover of *Elevate AZ*, a quarterly magazine distributed by National Bank of Arizona. See attached scan for the cover and the writeup of CQL.

The annual BRATs (Bisbee Rolling Art Transport) Parade on October 26 will include a Copper Queen Library Book BRAT created by a patron.

Library staff attended the Association of Rural and Small Libraries conference in September, where they were honored as one of the small libraries awarded the National Medal in 2024. Staff also attended the Arizona Library Association conference in October.

Outreach events for fall include a presence at the City of Bisbee's Trunk or Treat event, where the library will hand out free children's books. The library will also host an outdoor storytime at the Bisbee Saturday Market on November 8, and will distribute wrapped books as last-minute holiday gifts at the Saturday Market on December 14.

The library is working with community partners on the annual Health and Hygiene Caring Kits to distribute to community members in need. Partners include Arizona Complete Health, Cochise County Health and Social Services, Dr. Jerrod Long, the Bisbee Foundation, and more. Kits will include warm hats and gloves, hygiene supplies, lists of local and national resources, and other items.

The Charles Bowden Literary Trust recently donated a collection of photography books from the author's personal collection. The collection includes works from many major American and Mexican photographers. (See attached flyer for more information.)

The library has created a new Career Collection with practice books for school entrance exams, trade jobs, and more. Much of this material is also available online, but the print materials are important for patrons who lack connectivity or computer skills.

The library is partnering with the Bisbee Foundation to offer a free cloth or board book to new parents.

The library has added a bilingual storytime on Thursday mornings at the Annex. The library currently offers three storytimes per week, with two at the Annex and one at the Main Library.

**Huachuca City Library:** Diane Hildebrandt (from the Friends of HCPL) and Stephanie Fulton provided updates from Huachuca City.

**From the Friends of the Library (Diane Hildebrandt):**

The Friends have nearly completed the Sunset City Books mural on the conex used for book sales. It is very eye-catching.

The Friends and the library will participate in Huachuca City's Creepy Candy Crawl on October 31, and are planning for the annual Polar Express event on December 13. The Friends will provide cocoa and cookies and goodie bags



including train-related toys, and the mayor will read the classic picture book. The Friends hope to work with the Cochise County Model Railroad Association to include model trains in the event.

The Friends could use more children's books for the Free Book Box they maintain in Whetstone.

The annual Christmas in July fundraiser brought in \$1500, and book sales have been going well.

### **From the library (Stephanie Fulton):**

The library partnered with the local elementary school to offer a very successful eclipse program in April.

The library's diaper bank, which was created with grant funds and attracted other support after launching, served 74 children from more than 50 families. It provided diapers, wipes, free books, and resource lists for families.

The library received three LSTA (Library Services & Technology Act) grants in this cycle. Grant projects include the continuation of the library's hotspot lending program, and the addition of sports and play items for checkout (highlighting improvements in Huachuca City parks).

The library's summer breakfast program for youth (which included weekend food kits) was very successful, and so was the annual Summer Splash youth program.

Summer reading included a foam party sponsored by the Friends, which was a big hit. The library also held a party for Smokey Bear's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, and offered a hands-on program featuring Gyo-taku, or Japanese fish printing. They used fish molds rather than real fish, which will make it easy to offer the program again.

The annual back to school / National Night Out event was very successful, and the library distributed 225 backpacks of school supplies to students in the Tombstone Unified School District and/or ZIP code 85616. The new HC police chief was able to get a helicopter to visit for the event, and kids were excited to see it but sad not to get helicopter rides. The Friends distributed free books and book coupons for their book sales.

The library is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday November 25th. This year is the 30th anniversary of the Friends tv show, so every participant will receive two pairs of socks, one for them and one for a friend, courtesy of the Red Cross.

The library offered a Movie in the Park program over the summer, which was sponsored by Cox. Forty people attended, and there was free popcorn.

Chess Club has been back in session, along with a monthly game night and the Spotlight on Speakers program.

Steph also shared about upcoming holiday meals sponsored by the town, and the holiday gift basket program.

Storywalks, supported by the State Library with additional funds from the Community Foundation, are installed and operating in both parks in Huachuca City. Buying 40 purpose-built display units came to about \$12,000. (There was some discussion about what storywalks are and which other libraries in Cochise County offer them. Libraries include Bisbee, Douglas, Sierra Vista, and Willcox along with HC. In HC, usage tracking is voluntary, with visitors participating in an online survey or picking up a paper survey from the library.)

The representatives from Tombstone asked about the population of Huachuca City, and Steph noted that roughly 1800 people live within the town limits, with a similar number in the surrounding area.

The Huachuca City Library is applying for an accessibility grant from the American Library Association.

**Tombstone City Library:** Mary Jo Burns and Bonnie Phillips from the Friends of the Library shared updates from Tombstone, including information from the Friends and a brief report from Sue Burmeister, who works at the library.

The library still faces challenges related to the limited space and historic nature of the library building. The Friends are especially interested in grant opportunities and ways to raise awareness of the library.

The library's summer reading program was presented by Ann Joy and was very successful. Events were held at the American Legion hall, which offers a large space, and several members helped with programs.

Businesses supported summer reading by offering free or discounted services to the group. Kids enjoyed a mine tour, a visit to the city pool, and a petting zoo. The kids also put on a play!

The program had transportation challenges after it was not possible to use the town's bus.

There was some discussion about transportation options for the future, partnerships with local schools, and possible funding sources. Stephanie Fulton mentioned the Legacy Foundation as one possible source for grants.

The group brainstormed about ways to raise awareness of and support for the library, including flyers and posters, an active social media presence, the *Tombstone News* and *Cochise County Trading Post*, and sponsorships from businesses. Businesses in Tombstone get many requests from nonprofits, so that is a challenge.

Weekend events in Tombstone are huge, and the Friends have had success with donation-based book sales and related fundraisers, so that may be an opportunity.

**Sierra Vista Public Library:** Along with representing Sierra Vista on the Citizen Liaison Council, Karly Scarbrough is the current President of the Arizona Library Association. The Library District presented Karly with some flowers to celebrate her having taken office on October 18.

Karly noted that the Sierra Vista Library Commission was absorbed by a commission with a wider focus. Karly is not part of the current commission but continues to represent the library on the Citizen Liaison Council at the request of the library.

Karly reported that the relatively new library vending machine on Fort Huachuca is approaching 100 checkouts per month. The original vending machine at the mall is still popular as well.

Library programs are going well, including joint programs with parks and recreation, and monthly storytimes at the mall.

There is a new Robert Wick statue which includes plants in the garden outside the library, and Bisbee's Le Cornucopia Café has started operating the café space in the library lobby. The new location offers pie, soups, salads, and sandwiches.

Internet service at the library has been restored after an extended outage. Many patrons seeking internet access went to Cochise College and Huachuca City.

Karly mentioned that Cochise College libraries have launched their Culture Pass program in partnership with the Library District, and that the college libraries hope to work more closely with public libraries in the future. (The public libraries are all for it!)

**Willcox's Elsie S. Hogan Community Library:** Michelle Leyvas was not able to attend the meeting but shared a brief update from the library:

We received the LSTA grant Arts for Health and Wellness. We had a class on glass fusing that went well, crocheting in progress it is doing ok. I believe we will have a drawing and photography class also. We still have sewing, exercise for seniors and cooking class.

### **Director's Report:**

Amadee Ricketts shared highlights from the Library District. See the attached statistics for fiscal year 2023-24 (July 2023 through June 2024).



*Sierra Vista representative and new AzLA President Karly Scarbrough*

**Call to the public:** No members of the public attended.

**The next meeting date will be in April 2025.**

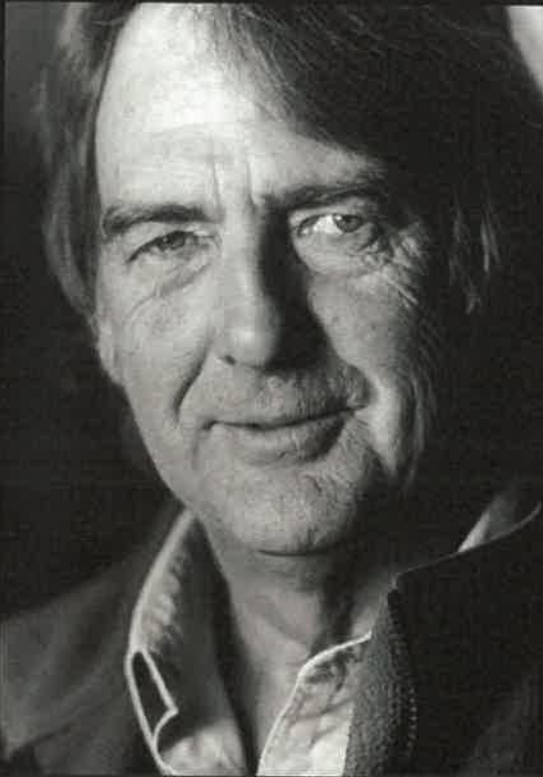
The tentative date is April 16, at a location to be determined. The group is aiming for one of the municipal libraries.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amadee Ricketts

**COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PRESENTS**  
**THE CHARLES BOWDEN**  
**PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK COLLECTION**



The Charles Clyde Bowden Literary Trust has donated the photography book collection of the author to the Copper Queen Library. Chuck Bowden had a deep appreciation and love of photography and his collection of over 100 books includes the work of many of the major American and Mexican photographers of the last century.

*Photo credit : Jack Dykinga*

In addition, Bowden collaborated with photographers such as Jack Dykinga, Eugene Smith, Julian Cardona, Virgil Hancock, William Lesch and Michael Berman on photography books as well as articles in *National Geographic*, *Arizona Illustrated*, *Aperture* and *Harper's*. His books with Jack Dykinga include *Frog Mountain Blues*, *The Secret Forest*, *The Sierra Pinacate*, *The Sonoran Desert* and *Stone Canyons of the Colorado Plateau*.

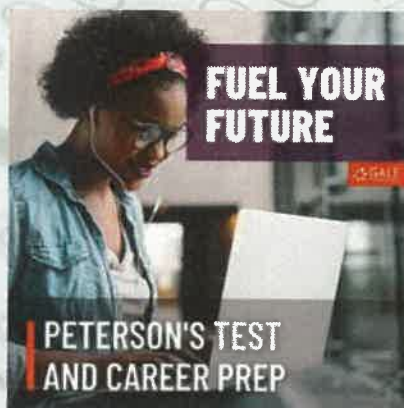
Outside of photography, Bowden was the author of twenty-seven books and hundreds of magazine articles published both nationally and internationally. His literary archive is in the Witliff Collection at Texas State University at San Marcos. Charles Bowden lived in Tucson, Arizona.

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# CAREER & TEST PREP COLLECTION

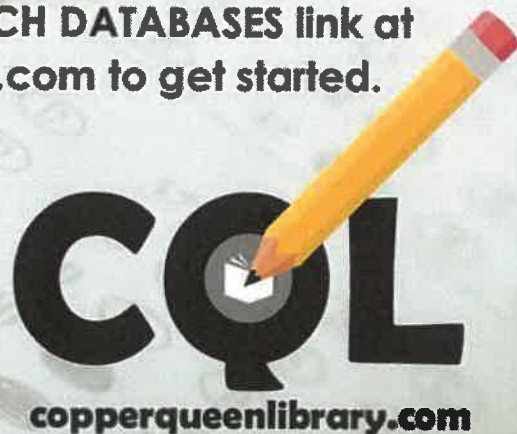
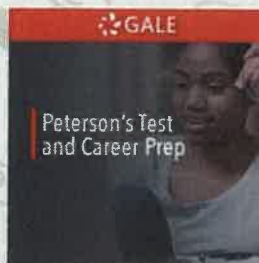
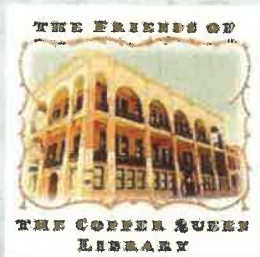
The Friends of the Copper Queen Library has sponsored the CQL's new Career & Test Prep Collection, which features study and test guides for college admissions tests and career exams.

Using a study guide for academic tests offers numerous benefits that can significantly enhance your learning experience. Study guides provide a structured outline of the material, helping you to focus on key concepts and essential information.



For those patrons with internet access, you can also study online with Peterson's Test and Career Prep, which offers online academic and career practice tests for the GED, SAT, ASVAB, and more!

Click on the **RESEARCH DATABASES** link at [copperqueenlibrary.com](http://copperqueenlibrary.com) to get started.



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# COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

## October 2024 | [copperqueenlibrary.com](http://copperqueenlibrary.com)

### TUESDAY EVENING LECTURES

@ the Main Library

#### Ancient Trees and Plants of Rapa Nui: The Last 15,000 Years

w/ Candace Gossen

Tuesday, October 8 | 5:30 PM

#### Imagination 1 :

#### Artists on the Moon

w/ University of Arizona

Tuesday, October 15 | 5:30 PM

#### History of Lowell

w/ Mike Anderson

Tuesday, October 22 | 5:30 PM

#### Old Bisbee Sewer Project

w/ Emanuel Stuart, City of Bisbee Planner

Tuesday, October 29 | 5:30 PM

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

#### French Conversation

Mondays | 5 PM | Main

#### Scrabble Club

Thursdays | 1 PM | Main

#### Chess Club

Saturdays | 10 AM—12 PM | Main



### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

#### Device Advice—10/7

1st Mondays | 5-6:30 PM | Main

#### Open Art Studio - 10/4 & 10/18

1st & 3rd Fridays | 1-3 PM | Annex

#### Board Game Club - 10/11 & 10/25

2nd & 4th Fridays | 1-2:30 PM | Annex

#### Poetry Critique Society - 10/28

Last Mondays | 5-6:30 PM | Main

#### Annex Chess Club - 10/25

Last Fridays | 12-1:30 | Annex

#### Annex Open House - 10/17

Third Thursdays | 6-8 PM Annex

### WEEKLY STORY TIMES

#### Classic Story Time

Wednesdays | 10:30 AM | Annex

#### Bilingual Story Time

Thursdays | 10:30 AM | Annex

#### Movers & Shakers

Fridays | 10:30 AM | Main



### LIBRARY CLOSED

October 14, 2024

Indigenous Peoples' Day



### TRUNK or TREAT

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Vista Park | 5:30 PM

### B.R.A.T.S. Parade

Saturday, October 26, 2024

4 PM | Main Street



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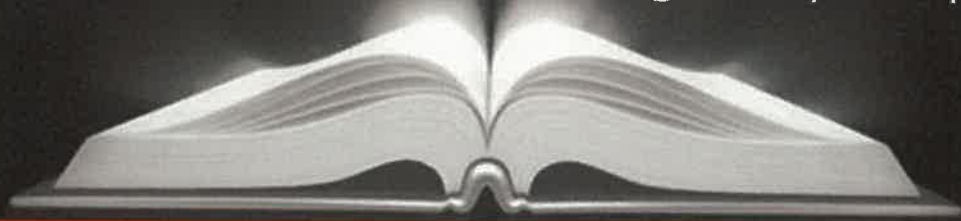
## 3-SENTENCE HORROR STORY COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

The Copper Queen Library's 3-Sentence Horror Story Community Showcase is back this October for Chapter 3.

The challenge? Create a spine-chilling horror tale with just three sentences.

Submit your story at [copperqueenlibrary.com](http://copperqueenlibrary.com), or drop it off at the front desk. Submitted stories will be displayed all month long at the CQL and online.

Patrons of ALL ages are encouraged to participate.



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# WHAT'S NEW IN THE LIBRARY OF THINGS



## HORSESHOE SETS

Upper Vista Park now has two Horseshoe Courts which are located next to the Bocce Ball Court. The CQL's Horseshoe sets also come with stakes so that patrons can set up their own court wherever they are!

## GIANT JENGA

Experience the joy of challenge and victory with this classic stacking game. Ideal for family gatherings, picnics, birthdays, and more, it enhances fine motor skills, strategic thinking, and balance. Perfect for kids and adults alike!



## LAWN JART SETS

Jarts is everyone's favorite lawn game! Players take turns tossing the safety-tipped darts into the target rings. This game is perfect for backyard barbecues, the beach, birthday parties, and more!

## METAL DETECTORS

Find coins, lost silver and gold jewelry and perhaps even pieces of history with our Metal Detectors. It identifies coin-size objects up to 6" underground, and senses larger items up to 2' deep.



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# CQ LIBRARY ANNEX OPEN HOUSE

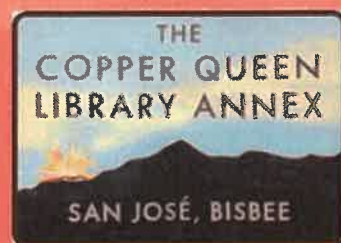
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 | 6–8 PM  
DURING THE BISBEE SCIENCE LAB'S

## PIE & SKY

The Copper Queen Library Annex will be hosting an Open House during the Bisbee Science Lab's Pie & Sky Astronomy Event on Thursday, October 17, 2024 from 6–8 PM at 519 W. Melody Lane. Come enjoy pizza, provided by by the Science Lab, and view the night sky through one of their telescopes.



The CQ Library Annex will be open to visitors and patrons to sign up for library cards, check out books & DVDs, make crafts, and more!



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# NATIONAL TREASURES

From Flagstaff to Bisbee, Arizona is home to some of the most distinguished museums and libraries in the country. Three of our community institutions have received the **National Medal for Museum and Library Sciences**, the highest honor in the industry and an indicator of organizations showcasing Arizona life both past and present.

Given to facilities of all sizes, the medal recognizes institutions for the significant impacts and contributions they make to their communities. Whether you're a local or from out of state, Arizona's medal winners are a trio of treasures worthy of a visit.





♥ Jason Macoviak, manager,  
Copper Queen Library



## COPPER QUEEN LIBRARY

BISBEE

**O**n the southern side of the state, the Copper Queen Library sits near the border in Bisbee. Founded in 1882 with a collection of 400 books, the intent was to bring some civility to the Wild West mining town. Today, its “Library of Things” lends everything from tools, seeds and sports equipment, to bird-watching kits and metal detectors. It’s a reminder that libraries aren’t limited to books.

Library manager Jason Macoviak explains that what started as a joke to check out anything they could put a bar code on turned into a mindset that’s led to a diverse collection created around the needs of the community. Macoviak says items are considered for a number of reasons with a focus on health and wellness, economics and ecology, but also fun.

“We’ve always got this lens of health and wellness, no matter what we’re looking at. And when someone sees that, ‘Oh, you can check out a metal detector,’ that’s fun. Yes, it is fun. But it’s also getting families outside, doing things together and doing something physically active,” he explains.

Many of the lending resources are often complemented by educational and cultural programming that are based on the interests of Bisbee residents, like seed-harvesting classes, musical performances and artist workshops.

While many of the Library of Things are geared toward residents, there is plenty for out-of-town visitors to enjoy. Macoviak says the building is filled with historic photos and books that offer a perspective of Western life in the early 1900s. There’s also a children’s space filled with arts and crafts that attracts all ages.

The Copper Queen Library was one of two small libraries awarded the National Medal in 2024. Macoviak says it’s an important distinction for the community.

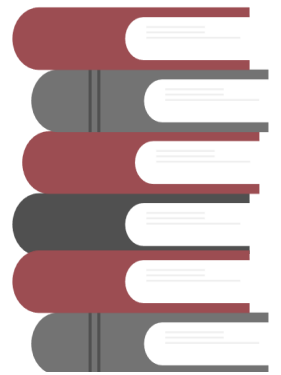
“I just think that this kind of attention, especially for small and rural libraries, it shows that we’re not just surviving in our little towns. It shows that we’re thriving,” he says. “Small libraries, too, are connecting with their communities and really making a difference.” ★

# COCHISE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

Annual Highlights 2023-24

461,682

Physical items circulated countywide



100,764

Ebook and digital audio checkouts

141,912

Youth items circulated countywide



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## BUSY BRANCHES

The rural branch libraries in **Bowie**, **Elfrida**, **Portal**, **Sunizona**, and **Sunsites** hosted 14,412 visits from the public and 36,139 computer and wifi sessions between July 2023 and June 2024.

The branches welcomed 1,031 people to library events during the same period, and library volunteers donated more than 1,000 hours of their time to support the libraries.

Library District and branch library patrons checked out 43,014 physical items and 4,913 digital titles during the year.



*Flower planting in Bowie*



*A reading milestone in Elfrida*

## EXCITING INITIATIVES

The countywide 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, launched in late 2023, encourages parents and caregivers to read with their young children. The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library District. Children who reach the 1,000-book goal receive a t-shirt or book bag courtesy of the Friends.

In June 2024, the Library District announced countywide access to a selection of streaming video content through Kanopy. Cochise County residents may access documentaries, Kanopy Kids, and other high-interest content at no charge by logging in with a library card.

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Films that matter