

Bisbee library celebrates 110 years on Main Street

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The Copper Queen Library is celebrating its 110th anniversary of its current location on Main Street. There will be a “birthday celebration” on March 14.

If You Go

What: Copper Queen Library 110th anniversary of Main Street location

When: 12:30 to 2 p.m., March 14

Where: Copper Queen Library, 6 Main Street

Cost: Free

BISBEE — Since 1882, the Copper Queen Library has acted as a literary oasis for residents. And that oasis’s current location on Main Street — constructed in 1892 — is celebrating its 110th anniversary.

Festivities for this birthday began on March 7. Throughout this week, CQL will host an array of lecture and film series as well as informative meetings.

On Monday, at 2 p.m., the library will host a family movie time showcasing fantasy/science fiction film, “Dr. Strange.”

The one-hour and 55-minute American movie is about an arrogant surgeon whose career is destroyed, yet gets “a new lease on life when a sorcerer takes him under his wing and trains him to defend the world against evil,” according to Rotten Tomatoes, an online movie review website.

The official “birthday party” is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the library. Magic Kenny Bang Bang will perform a live magic show. The public is invited to the free event.

For documentary buffs, on March 21, the library will highlight the works of award-winning former Phoenix New Times journalist and Beat Angels frontman, Brian Smith. Spent Saints is Smith’s debut collection of linked stories and an accompanying multimedia presentation.

Alison Williams, CQL’s program coordinator, said the event will feature 11 micro short films — one minute each — based on each of Super Saints’ stories in the collection.

“Each of the experimental films are made by a different filmmaker, very neat work,” Williams said.

The building anniversary will wrap up on March 17 with CQL’s weekly preschool creative movement class and story time.

Julia Kirk, who teaches adult ballet, oversees the youngsters movement class.

“The class places an emphasis on stories and language through physical movement to foster literacy,” Williams said.

For more information on the anniversary activities or to get a full list, visit the library at 6 Main St. or call 520-432-4232.

Living Room Gallery

Today, the Copper Queen Library houses over 36,000 volumes and greets 4,000 visitors a month. The reading room was expanded and renovated in late 2016 and is now coined “The Living Room.”

The update was funded by a private bequest.

Currently, works of Matthew Macoviak hang on the walls of the section. It features a range of photos of mountainous landscapes to abstract details.

“His photographs are mostly black-and-white and breathtaking,” Williams said.

The artwork is available for purchase for \$55, of which 10 percent will be donated back to the library.

Call or visit the library for more details.