



Out Loud & Off The Page: Readings of memoir, fiction and poetry

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BISBEE — Head to the Bisbee Royale on Tuesday night to hear some of Bisbee’s literati share their words from the stage.

Bisbee resident James Coull has taught The Copper Queen Library’s Freewrite program for the past seven years but this is the first time participants have ever held a public reading. The free 10-week writing workshop is based on a program from Portland, Ore., where Coull previously lived and where he learned to teach the workshops.

Twenty writers from past Freewrite workshops will have up to three minutes each on stage.

“There will be memoir, fiction, poetry, and a lot of humor,” Coull said.

The event is free but advance tickets are suggested and can be reserved via eventbrite.

“Providing a safe and nurturing space for our teacher, James Coull, and the community to write is one of the best programs we offer at the library,” said, Alison Williams, assistant program coordinator for the library. “Creating expression through words is the genesis of all of the books our library holds. We hope to publish some of these writings in chapbook form in the near future.”

The event is sponsored by The Copper Queen Library, in collaboration with KBRP and the Bisbee Royale. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the readings begin at 6 p.m. The event is hosted by Coull.

If you are interested in participating in a future Freewrite workshop, the next Level One workshop will be held in February 2017. A Level Two workshop, for Level One alumni, begins in July. The workshop costs \$300 elsewhere but Coull puts it on for free. The program is supported by the Friends of the Bisbee Library, which provides funding for supplies, Coull said.

For more info, call Alison Williams at the library at 520-432-4232.