

Copper Queen Library gets ready for summer fun

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Jackie Witt and son Xavier, 5, enjoy their time while at Friday's Copper Queen Library's ice cream social to help kick-off the library's summer reading program at the Copper Queen Library San Jose Annex

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BISBEE — What better way to kick off a summer of fun and learning than with an ice cream social?

Bisbee's Copper Queen Library doled out sweet treats and hosted a variety of fun activities on Friday at the library's new San Jose annex in order to give local kids a taste of the wide variety of free programs they will offer starting in June.

With weekly classes, programs, and trips ranging from learning about terraforming by touring Freeport McMoRan projects, to teen-centered programming on Fridays, to a special afternoon with astronaut Mark Kelly, no child will have an excuse to spend their vacation lounging in front of the TV.

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"We are excited to offer summer programming at both locations, both at the main library and the San Jose annex, as well as on Fridays we are doing a 'Teen Time,' at the young adult room — it's a segment of our population that doesn't get served in the same way," said Early Literacy Outreach Specialist Heather Wiechert.

The San Jose Annex also now houses spaces for the Bisbee Science Lab, which will be hosting "Science Friday" programming, as well as Cochise County 4-H and the UA Cooperative Extension, which will be open on Tuesdays, she said.

In addition to its wide range of regular programming, the library is particularly excited to be hosting their "star attraction" Kelly for a special afternoon of space-related fun, open to children of all ages (registration required), said library Program Coordinator Alison Williams.

"NASA has partnered with libraries for summer reading programs this summer, offering resources and all kinds of activities and information videos and materials," Williams said. "They've done an amazing job, so Mark is coming to do an hour with the kids."

If you are interested in signing up your child for one of the library's programs, or would like more information, please visit www.copperqueenlibrary.com or call 520-432-5381 (San Jose Annex) or 520-432-4232 (main library). Registration forms are available online, but must be printed out and dropped off at one of the library's physical locations.

June & July Copper Queen Library Summer Programming

At the Copper Queen Library, 6 Main Street, in Old Bisbee:

Special Event: Astronaut Mark Kelly will offer a special summer reading event at the library's Old Bisbee location. All youth welcome. When: June 27, 3–4p.m. (registration required).

Movie Mondays: The library will be featuring space movies from the 1980's in its throw-back, retro Movie Mondays. Time: 1–3p.m.

Wednesdays Summer Reading Program: This year, the library is teaming up with the Bisbee Science Lab and Freeport McMoRan for some of its programs. Meet at the library; many programs are field trips to sites around town. Time: 10:30a.m.– 12:30p.m.

Other Wednesday programs: Fun with Math and Science, 6 week course with teacher Gretchen Hill (11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.), and Youth Freewrite (ages 8–18) with teacher Gretchen Hill (1–2:30p.m.)

Thursday: Kid's Yoga and Mindfulness: Ages 3–8, 12:30 – 1:15p.m.

Fridays Summer Reading: The Library's preschool reading hour will be hosting several special guests as well as giving away weekly incentives. Time: 10:30a.m. –11:30a.m.

Friday Teen Time: Teens can play board games, video games, and watch movies. Time: 1–4 p.m.

At the Copper Queen Library San Jose Annex, 519 Melody Lane, Bisbee

Tinker Tuesdays (with Cochise County 4-H and UA Cooperative Extension): Guided weekly programs for participants to explore, create and tinker. Space also open up for unguided fun from 10a.m.–4p.m. Program Time: 1p.m.–3p.m.

Thursdays Summer Reading: Nature and science programs with Zach Palma from the National Forest Service and others. Time: 1–3p.m.

Science Fridays: The Bisbee Science Lab will be hosting science Fridays at their new lab in the annex. Time: 1 – 3p.m.



One of the activities for kids to participate in during Friday's Copper Queen Library's ice cream social was learning how to make adobe bricks.

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Haven Torono, and Thomas Dick, 13, join the fun at Friday's Copper Queen Library's ice cream social at the San Jose Annex

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Juan Loando, 10, spends time at the pottery decorating table Friday.
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