

Zine Fest Brings literary creativity to Copper Queen Library

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BISBEE — In a world filled with mass-produced publications, there's something magical about a magazine produced by hand. Such a creation—often referred to as a zine—can be made by anyone, using a variety of materials.

Artists utilize collage imagery, desktop publishing, photographs, and many other mediums. They can make as many copies as they wish, without the hassle and expense of seeking a traditional publisher.

Copper Queen Library Services Coordinator Alison Williams has teamed up with Gretchen Hill, Sam Longo, and Sara Barber to create Zinefest, a celebration of all things zine. The event features twenty creators from across Arizona. Each creation will offer its own, unique style.

Longo and Barber are experienced zine practitioners. Barber has over ten years of experience in the manufacture and sale of her creations. During that time, she has networked extensively with what she calls “other zinesters.”

You don't need to be a pro, however. The only limit is imagination.

“A zine is any independently published booklet, usually not through traditional means. What we love about zines is all you really need is a piece of paper, a pen, and a copy machine, but they can get much more extravagant, too. Zines can include poetry, photography, doodles, comics, how-to guides, and more,” Barber explained.

Like any other medium, zine makers have their own heavy hitters—people who are well-known in the field. Organizers are proud to bring some of them to Bisbee.

“An exhibitor we love is Devin Kate Pope, who makes incredible zines with her son. One of our favorites of Devin's is titled “Desert Pookas,” Irish mythology reimaged in the Sonoran desert. One of Sam's favorite zines is titled “Backyard Pesto Manifesto.” The possibilities are endless, there's something for everyone,” Barber said.

Zine Fest will happen at Copper Queen Library on Saturday, April 26 from 10:30 AM—1:30 PM. Perhaps best of all, it's free (though you're encouraged to purchase zines from vendors). You'll even have the opportunity to create your own masterpiece, utilizing a variety of materials.

A Zine Open Mic will follow the creative revelry, so be sure to brush up on your spoken word skills.

If you have questions, or you're interested in being a vendor, contact the Copper Queen Library at www.copperqueenlibrary.com or call them at (520) 432-4232.



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ZINE OPEN MIC!

Call for Zinesters! Apply to be a vendor at Bisbee Zine Fest!

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