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## CQ Library Hosts Afternoon Of Ice Cream And Family Fun

The Copper Queen Library (CQL) hosted their annual ice cream social and family literacy fair Friday, May 9 at the library annex located on Melody Lane.

Attendees were treated to ice cream with a variety of toppings to enjoy while they listened to live music by Fatigo BZB and visited participant booths to include face painting by Sonia Rita or portraits with Pablo Pencil or creating plaster works of art with artist and city councilwoman Juanetta Hill.

Local organizations were on hand with literature and books. The social also allowed for parents to get their children signed up for

CQL summer programs in preparation for school letting out soon.

Early literacy and art activities were also provided by partner organizations, including the Bisbee Science Lab, Cochise County Library District, Rotary, Camp Naco, the Bisbee Foundation. Attendees were also able to take in the beautiful sculptures created by Ben Dale and Ed Rosko thanks to the generous donation from the Artemizia Foundation. For more information on the Copper Queen Library or the upcoming summer program go to [www.bisbeeaz.gov/2155/Copper-Queen-Library](http://www.bisbeeaz.gov/2155/Copper-Queen-Library).

--Laura Swan, The Bisbee Observer

## Cochise County To Conduct Wireless Emergency Alert Testing

The Cochise County Emergency Management Department will conduct a test of the Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system on Friday, May 16, 2025 at 12 p.m. (noon).

This test will send a WEA message to smartphones across the county. The message will read:

"TEST: Cochise County Wireless Emergency Alert. No action required. This is a test of the emergency alert system."

The purpose of this test is twofold:

**System Validation in a Real-World Environment:** Unlike our regular monthly tests conducted in a controlled environment, this test will evaluate system performance in real-world conditions.

**Public Awareness and Familiarization:** Residents will have an opportunity to see and hear what an official Wireless Emergency Alert looks and sounds like. This helps ensure the public can recognize legitimate emergency alerts issued by Cochise County in the future.

The test will also highlight the key differences between Wireless Emergency Alerts and traditional notifications or alerts from mobile apps.

**What to Expect:**

Most residents with smartphones will receive the message.

Receipt of the message may vary depending on the phone make, and operating system of your device.

No app is required to receive the alert.

If you do not receive a message, it's possible that alerts are disabled on your device.

**How to Check Your Settings:**

**Android:** Go to Settings > Notifications > Advanced Settings > Wireless Emergency Alerts.

**iOS (Apple):** Go to Settings > Notifications > Government Alerts.

Wireless Emergency Alerts are part of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS), a national program managed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). For more information about WEA or emergency preparedness in Cochise County, visit: <https://www.cochiseaz.gov/287/Emergency-Management>.

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