

## Kids channel Fab Four at Bisbee library, around town

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Summer Reading participants Mary Dumley, 9, and Xander Lindstrom, 7, join the fun at the Bisbee Copper Queen Library Libraries Rock activities.

On Wednesday, the Copper Queen Library Summer Reading Program participants and directors gathered to recreate the iconic “Abbey Road” album cover by The Beatles.

The theme of this summer’s program is “Libraries Rock.”

Jason Macoviak, the Library Services Coordinator, elaborated on the dual meaning of the theme. He explained that they wanted to give the kids a chance to explore both music and geology, an unconventional combination that successfully plays off of Bisbee’s history as a mining town.

Ember Gulden, a 12-year-old participant, says the program has been “a lot of fun.” Her favorite part was when they went on a bus tour with Freeport-McMoRan, one of the library’s sponsors, where they learned about rocks and went on a hunt for turquoise.

“It’s a once in a lifetime experience,” Gulden remarked. She is most excited for the pool party and barbecue that take place at the end of the program.

For Wednesday’s photo shoot, the kids were encouraged to dress up like their favorite rock star in order to recreate the album cover. They split into different bands, and the fun began.

The kids posed in the familiar formation of The Beatles album cover on a local crosswalk and then continued to take pictures in various locations around Bisbee.

In previous weeks, the kids went around the library and made band names out of the titles of books, explored Bisbee’s beautifully unique geological landmarks with Freeport McMoRan, and made their own musical instruments.

“We try to match weeks with incentives,” Macoviak explained. In past weeks, they have given out a rock and mineral guide book and a music anthology to help the kids grow their own personal libraries.

“Our whole goal is to take the kids out of the library and into the town, but bringing the library with us,” said Macoviak. “The library really is all around us.”

According to Macoviak, attendance for the program changes weekly. They strive to remain casual and don’t require weekly registration.

“It’s very informal,” said Macoviak. “There are no strict rules that say you have to attend every week.”

Registration is open until July 25, the last day of the program.

Macoviak and Alison Williams, the library’s assistant coordinator, strive to reject the idea that “libraries are stuffy and you have to be quiet,” Macoviak said.

The Summer Reading Program allows the kids to take the library with them as they explore, learn, and grow alongside the library.

“Community support has been fantastic, but we could always use more volunteers,” he said.

If you are interested in volunteering, simply fill out a volunteer form for the city of Bisbee. If you have any questions, contact the Bisbee Copper Queen Library at 520-432-4232.