

Romeo District Library 2019 Photo Contest

The Romeo District Library is pleased to announce a photo contest in which four (4) chosen photographs will be published as covers of the library's four quarterly printed newsletters in 2020.

In addition to the selected four photographs, another undetermined number of submissions will be chosen for use on the library's media formats, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

ELIGIBILITY

The Romeo District Library 2019 Photo Contest ("Photo Contest") is open to all Romeo District Library (RDL) card holders 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. Entrants should be amateur photographers. Trustees, board members, employees, interns, volunteers or partners of The Romeo District Library, as well as the immediate family (spouse, parents, siblings and children) and household members of those employees, are not eligible to enter. By submitting an entry to the Photo Contest, entrants agree to the conditions of the contest.

ENTRY PERIOD

The Photo Contest begins Sunday, September 8, 2019 and ends Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 11:59 pm Eastern Standard Time. Entries submitted before or after the Entry Period will not be eligible.

WHAT TO ENTER

Submitted photographs should include an area, inside or outside, of either branch (Kezar and Graubner) of the Romeo District Library but which identify the library in the photo in some way. Other components may include property landscapes; scenes from programs and events; objects or activities connecting the RDL environment and its patrons/community; library inventory; weather or day or night effects; service animals; architectural elements; or groups or individuals. Photographs must be suitable to a family environment.

People included in photographs must give permission to the photographers to have their picture/s taken and distributed according to the contest rules. For photos in which a person is recognizable, photographers must be prepared to provide model release forms from the subject/s or, in the case of a minor/s, the subject's parent or guardian, to RDL upon request. A sample model release is available.

Limit one (1) submission per entrant. Submissions of more than one photograph per entrant will be disqualified.

Digital photographs should be taken at the highest resolution possible (of at least 300 dpi at 3,000 pixels); be sure to set your camera BEFORE taking your picture. High resolution, original files may be requested should an entry make it into the final round of editing to be considered as a chosen winner.

All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (cropping, spotting for dust, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified.

HOW TO ENTER

Each entrant shall submit one (1) photograph, along with entrant's name, city of residence, phone number and date the photograph was taken to LiecaH@romeodistrictlibrary.org. Files are requested in .JPEG .jpg, or .png format by Sunday, October 20, 2019, 11:59 pm EST.

Each entrant certifies that he/she is the sole creator and copyright owner of the submitted photograph.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Entrants retain their rights to their photograph/s; however, by entering the contest, entrants grant RDL a royalty-free, worldwide, perpetual, irrevocable, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of our newsletters (physical and electronic) and its website and social media platforms. Any photograph reproduced will include a photographer credit as feasible. RDL will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

All images must be submitted by the original entrants. Entrants warrant that to the best of their knowledge, the submitted images do not infringe any copyright, trademark right, or right of privacy or publicity, and do not defame any third party.

All entrants hold the directors, employees, interns and volunteers of RDL harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the contest. The above-mentioned parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, losses or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the contest or winner's acceptance. The mentioned parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected entries, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their entries. Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms or other programs designed to damage software, hardware or telecommunications equipment, or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or is otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringes on the rights of any third party. RDL also reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unethical or disruptive manner. Decisions of RDL are final and binding.

RDL reserves the right to cancel the contest or modify these rules at its discretion.

SELECTION OF WINNERS & AWARDS

RDL will select an undetermined number of finalists, who will be notified via the contact information provided at the time of entry. Entrants should not contact RDL about the status of entries or judging.

Images will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, artistic merit and

overall representation of the library's benefits to its community. Selections are for use on RDL's quarterly printed newsletter, on its website, on its Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages and groups. Selections will be made at RDL's sole discretion. Finalists must be prepared to submit an original, unedited digital file or an original negative, print or slide.

Prizes: In the event of a dispute regarding the winners, RDL reserves the right to award or not award prizes at its sole discretion. The top four photographs chosen for newsletter publication will also receive mention on RDL's digital outlets and an Amazon gift card. Additional chosen photographs will be applied to RDL's various media avenues but with no additional prize. Bragging rights are encouraged!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!

I have read and understand the contest rules and regulations. The submission of my photograph, along with my signature below, indicates my acceptance of all rules, regulations and releases associated with the Romeo District Library 2019 Photo Contest.

Printed Name

Date

Signature