Smartphone Photography Contest Guidelines

Matthews Public Library invites submission of photographs taken with a smartphone for entry into the library’s Smartphone Photography Contest. Please read all guidelines before submitting entry materials.

I. Eligibility: The Matthews Public Library Smartphone Photography Contest is open to Lebanon County Library System library cardholders in the following age groups: children ages 12 and under; teens ages 13 to 17; and adults ages 18 and older.

II. Contest & Voting Period
A. Contest Period: Entry materials will be accepted Tuesday, December 14, 2021 through Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
B. Voting Period: The public may view and vote on entry materials via online or paper ballot Tuesday, January 25 through Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

III. Prizes: Prizes will be awarded for each category in each age group. Winners will receive a gift card and a certificate of achievement. Winners will be notified the week following the end of the voting period via their preferred method of contact.

IV. How To Enter
A. Submit image(s) (jpg or png file format only) via email to amichael[at]lclibs.org with subject line “Photo Contest.”
B. In the text of the email, please include the following information: entrant’s name, age group, category of submission, preferred method of contact information (i.e. include phone number or email), and library barcode number.
C. One image per email please; images for separate categories should be submitted via separate emails and include the information listed above.
D. Entry materials received outside the contest period or that do not meet the guidelines outlined herein will be automatically disqualified.

V. Contest Terms
A. Photographs may be entered during the contest period in the following categories:
   1. In The Wild: showcase the beauty of the natural world and/or wildlife.
B. Entrants are limited to one photograph per category.
C. Photographs must be acceptable for public viewing by all age groups.
D. Photographs may not contain human subjects.
E. Entry materials will be received via email only.

VI. Library Use Of Entries/Rights: By entering the Matthews Public Library Smartphone Photography Contest, entrants give permission to Matthews Public Library to use, modify, reproduce, publish, display, distribute, or make derivative works of entry
materials for promotional or any other purposes digitally or in print while copyright of
entry materials remains with respective entrants.

VII. **Original Work**: Entry materials must be the original work of the entrant and must not be copied in whole or in part from any other work.

VIII. **Voting/Display**
A. The public determines the winning image in each age group/category via online or paper ballot during the voting period specified in these contest guidelines.
B. Entry materials and/or winning images may be featured online via the library’s website and/or social media platforms, in the library building, and/or in the community.
C. The entry materials receiving the most votes in each age group/category will be awarded prizes.