



The St. Charles City-County Library District invites you to participate in its Fourth Annual Summer Reading Photo Contest. Photos may be submitted during the summer reading program, between May 22<sup>nd</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup>. This contest is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

## 2017 Summer Reading Photography Contest Entry Form

### Rules:

- You must live in St. Charles County or have a St. Charles City- County Library card.
- Three age groups:
  - Children- 12 and under
  - Teen- 13-17
  - Adult- 18 and older
- Competition categories:
  - **Unusual Reading Spots**
  - **Elements of Design** - This category is showcase line, shape, pattern, form, texture, perspective, etc. They can consist of any subject matter.
  - **2017 Summer Reading theme – "Build a Better World"** - (Capture what this means to you)
- Limits: One entry per category.
- Photos must be original work of entrant.
- The photographer is responsible for obtaining any necessary permission if his/her photograph includes an identifiable individual.
- Please, no identifying marks on the image.
- All photo must be in jpg, jpeg, png, or gif format.
- Hard copy photos will not be accepted and will not be returned.
- Entries must be submitted online using the official online entry form. [2017 Summertime Digital Photography Contest Entry Form](#)
- If you cannot access our online entry form from home, please visit any of our branches to use one of our computers.
- If you have trouble with your submission, please email [librarycontests@stchlibrary.org](mailto:librarycontests@stchlibrary.org)
- Entries must be submitted by August 1, 2017.
- Submission of online entries is final. Photos cannot be resubmitted.
- St. Charles City-County Library District reserves the non-exclusive right to use the photographs at its discretion.
- No entry fee.
- Employees of the St. Charles City-County Library District and judges are not eligible to enter.

### Get Inspired:

- Learn about photography by checking out [these Library materials](#).

### People's Choice Online Voting: (9/5/17 - 9/18/17)

- The public will have an opportunity to vote online for one People's Choice Award from the top two photos from each category.
- Vote for your favorite photo.
- One vote per person.
- *Link to vote will be live September 5<sup>th</sup>*

### EXHIBITION:

Winning photos will be displayed within the St. Charles City-County Library District as well as on the Library website.

### Judging:

- Local professional photographers and Library employees will judge the photos.
- The judges will choose one first place and one second place winner per category and age group.
- Judging criteria:
  - Use of Theme
  - Use of Lighting
  - Use of Color or Contrast
  - Visual Impact
  - Use of Exposure/Focus (effective use of blur or sharpness)
- All decisions of our judges are final.
- Winners will be notified by August 31<sup>st</sup>. (People's Choice - September 30<sup>th</sup>)

Prizes: There will be one first place and one second place winner per category and age group

- First Place: \$50
- Second Place: \$25
- People's Choice: \$50