



## The Fort Smith Public Library Presents *Picture Your Library: Fort Smith Public Library Centennial Art and Photo Contest*

The Fort Smith Public Library celebrates 100 years of serving the community this year. In celebration of the occasion, the Library is having the *Picture Your Library Art & Photo Contest*, running for 100 days from May 1<sup>st</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>. Amateur and professional artists and photographers are encouraged to “Picture Their Library” in the media of their choice by entering this Centennial contest. The library is looking for photographs and artwork depicting any of the Fort Smith Public Libraries, past or present. Photographs and artwork may also focus on library activities, so long as Fort Smith Public Library atmosphere is recognizable in the finished work. Official entry and release forms are available at any Fort Smith Public Library location or on the website at [www.fortsmithlibrary.org](http://www.fortsmithlibrary.org). Artwork and photography from the contest will be displayed at the Fort Smith Public Library in September, and may be used for any purpose, including advertising and promotion in support of libraries, literacy, and the Fort Smith Public Library.

### **How to Enter**

Get your Official Entry Form(s) and Release Form(s) from any Fort Smith Public Library location, or on-line at [www.fortsmithlibrary.org](http://www.fortsmithlibrary.org). The competition will begin Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and will run for 100 days through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced at the Library Centennial Reception on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Awards and Prizes**

Winning photos and reproductions of winning artwork will be posted on the library's website. There will be a special exhibit of contest entries during the month of September at the Fort Smith Public Library. Prizes will be awarded in three divisions in both categories (Photo and Art): 1) professional 2) amateur/adult, and 3) amateur/youth (ages 6 – 17). Prizes are:

#### **Grand Prize Photo - \$100**

- 1st Prize Photo - Professional - \$25
- 1st Prize Photo - Amateur Adult - \$25
- 1st Prize Photo - Amateur Youth - \$25

#### **Grand Prize Art - \$100**

- 1st Prize Art - Professional - \$25
- 1st Prize Art - Amateur Adult- \$25
- 1st Prize Art - Amateur Youth- \$25

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## Contest Rules

1. The contest is open to photographers and artists in three divisions: 1) professional (any age), 2) amateur adult, and 3) amateur youth (ages 6 – 17). There are separate divisions for artists and photographers. An amateur is someone who does not support himself or herself by taking photographs or selling their artwork, although he or she may have sold work for publication.
2. Each photographer/artist is limited to two entries.
3. Photographs will be judged on these criteria:
  - how well the photograph illustrates the *Picture Your Library* theme
  - artistic merit
  - technical quality
  - suitability for reproduction
4. Artwork will be judged on these criteria:
  - how well the artwork illustrates the *Picture Your Library* theme
  - artistic merit
  - artistic composition
  - suitability for reproduction
5. Photo entries must be original work created by the contestant. Prints may be black and white or color. Photos must 5" X 7", 8" X 10", 9" X 12" or 11 "X 14" and have been taken between 5/01/08 and 8/08/08. Photographs must be matted and may be framed. No composite photos, multiple prints, double exposures, montages, or "sandwiches" of more than one photograph are allowed. Digitally-taken photographs are acceptable, but prints must be provided. Negatives or digital files may be requested for use in duplication.
6. Artwork must be original paintings, drawings, or other visual artwork created by the contestant. Artwork must be two dimensional, not exceed 18" X 24", and must have been produced between 5/01/08 and 8/08/08. All entries must be matted and may be framed. Stretched canvas is acceptable for framing. Works may be scanned or photographed for reproduction purposes.
7. Entries must be submitted to the Fort Smith Public Library – Main Library at 3201 Rogers Avenue by 5:30 PM on Friday, August 8, 2008.
8. Each entry must have a completed entry form and release form signed by the photographer/artist and subject(s) taped to the back.
9. Employees of the Fort Smith Public Library and their immediate family members are not eligible to participate.
10. All entries for judging may be used by the Fort Smith Public Library for any and all purposes, including advertising and promotion in support of libraries, literacy and the Fort Smith Public Library. Entries may be picked up at the Fort Smith Public Library after October 31, 2008.