

RED BANK ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL, 2023

Red Bank Public Library Photo Contest

SUBMIT YOUR IMAGES starting April 1, 2023

2023 Red Bank Public Library Photo Contest Rules

Eligibility

The Red Bank Public Library (RBPL) Photo Contest is open to anyone. Applicants do not need to be residents of the Borough of Red Bank, NJ. Employees of RBPL and Panel Judges of the Photo Contest, as well as immediate family (spouse, partners, parents, siblings, and children) and household members of those employees and judges, are not eligible to enter.

Entry Period

The RBPL Photo Contest begins April 1, 2023 and ends on October 1, 2023. Entries submitted before or after the entry period will not be eligible. Winners will be announced in October 2023.

What to Enter

The RBPL is committed to preserving the history of the Red Bank community and making it accessible to the public now and in the future. For our second annual Photo Contest, we'd like you to take photos or make videos that showcase the beauty, strength and courage of our community. Capture those unique moments and express the spirit that makes Red Bank special.

All photographs must be taken within the Borough of Red Bank or depicting Red Bank from the surrounding area.

Entries should include the following information.

- Name
- Age (for anyone under the age of 18)
- Address
- Email
- Telephone
- Photo Title
- Address where photo was taken
- Caption or brief description of the photo, optional

By submitting your entry, you (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) agree that the photograph(s) conforms to the guidelines and content restrictions.

By entering, entrants (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) represent and warrant that the photograph(s) that they submit are their own original creations and do not infringe any other person's or entity's rights, including trespassing on private land.

Entries must be submitted by the original creator. Photograph(s) created by someone other than you but submitted by you will be disqualified. You must be the sole owner of any photograph(s) submitted. Incomplete entries will not be accepted and will be automatically rejected.

To ensure eligibility for the contest, please submit files at least 3 MB at the time of entry. Higher resolution files of at least 600 dpi/ppi will be requested should an entry be preselected to be awarded a prize or an honorable mention. All photographs should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that have been digitally altered beyond standard optimization (red eye removal, removal of dust, cropping, reasonable adjustments to exposure, color and contrast, etc.) will be disqualified, which is left to the Panel's discretion.

Entries may originate in any format — including, but not limited to digital files, digital prints, color transparencies, color prints, or black and white prints — as long as they are submitted electronically in a .JPEG, .jpg, or .PNG form. Multiple exposures that have been combined to produce a single “High Dynamic Range” image are acceptable.

Previously published material may not be entered.

If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted, and must be able to provide copies of those releases to RBPL upon request. RBPL can provide a sample release upon request.

The following submissions are ineligible:

- Photos that violate or infringe upon another person's rights, including but not limited to copyright.
- Photos that contain sexually explicit, nude, obscene, violent or other objectionable or inappropriate content.
- Images that involve damage to the environment by the photographer or photo subjects.
- Images that involve putting any individual or animal in danger.
- Images taken prior to the beginning date of the Contest (January 1, 2022).

The RBPL shall determine entry eligibility in its sole and absolute discretion.

How to Enter

You may enter any number of images during the entry period, however only one winning photo may be selected per person. The RBPL reserves the right to reject any additional entries or entries that do not comply with these Official Rules. By entering, you indicate your unconditional agreement to, and acceptance of, these Official Rules and RBPL's decisions, which are final and binding. You cannot win a prize unless you comply with all requirements in these Official Rules.

Entrants may be asked to supplement their submission (such as with a paragraph about their photo or the highest resolution version of their photo) anytime on or after October 1, 2023.

Judging

Photos will be judged on originality, technical excellence, composition, overall impact, artistic merit and subject matter relevance to documenting this period in history in Red Bank, except that the People's Choice award will be determined based on which of the honorable mentions receives the most likes on Facebook. Judging will be conducted by a panel of RBPL and

community residents/employees (the “Panel”). The Panel will evaluate all valid entries and pick winners in the following categories:

Categories:

1. Overall Winner (1 winner)
2. Places of Red Bank (1 winner)
3. People of Red Bank (1 winner)
4. Video of Red Bank (1 winner), photographer may be any age, no more than 5 minutes in length.
5. People’s Choice (1 winner): Winner selected from among the Honorable Mention photos receiving the highest number of likes on Facebook during public voting to be held on the RBPL Facebook page during June, July & August, 2021.
6. Young Photographer (1 winner): Best vibrant moment taken by a photographer under 16 years of age.
7. Honorable Mentions: Amazing images that showcase and illustrate the community of Red Bank and its reaction to the special demands of this moment in history.

The winners will be notified of their status by September 15th, 2022 and will appear on the RBPL website by September 31, 2022.

All judging decisions are final. Please do not contact us about the status of entries or judging. The RBPL will notify the winner via the contact information provided at the time of entry.

Potential Winner Requirements

Except where prohibited, a potential winner may be required to complete and return a proof of eligibility, including proof of age, and liability/publicity release within 14 days. If a potential winner is a minor, his/her parent or legal guardian will be required to sign the documents on his/her behalf. If a potential winner fails to return these documents on time, an alternate potential winner may be selected in his/her place.

Prizes

Prizes will be determined by the RBPL. A prize may not be transferred and must be accepted as awarded. A winner may not request cash or a substitute prize. The winner will be announced on the RBPL website and Facebook page. The winning images will also be displayed on the RBPL Photo Contest Facebook page and may be used for RBPL promotional materials. Prizes are subject to change.

Your Rights

You will retain all rights to any photograph you submit — including joint ownership with RBPL.

If you submit a photograph to enter the Photo Contest, you grant the RBPL a royalty-free, nonexclusive right during the Photo Contest and in perpetuity to:

- Display the photograph on the Photo Contest submission Facebook page.
- Allow third-parties to share the photograph on various social media platforms.
- Use the photograph online and on social media in support of our mission.
- Use the photograph in RBPL’s internal and external communications materials including but not limited to web sites and web publications, fact sheets, fundraising publications, advertising, multimedia, presentation and annual report.

- Provide your photograph to other individuals and organizations for RBPL-related use in news stories, newsletters, reports, slide shows, displays, web pages, videos, and the like.
 - Use, in connection with the Photo Contest, your name, age, if a minor, city, and state of residence in promotions and other publications.
 - Retain a digital copy of your photograph that will be archived in the RBPL photo library and accessible to RBPL staff. RBPLD will endeavor to credit all photographs with the caption "Person's Name" when the full name is available.
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By entering, entrants (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) grant a non-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-free, perpetual license to the RBPL to edit, adapt, make derivative works from, broadcast, publish and otherwise use any or all of the descriptions and/or photograph(s) submitted, and may use them for advertising, promotional and/or any other purpose in any and all media now or hereafter devised worldwide in perpetuity without additional compensation, notification or permission, unless prohibited by law. By entering this Contest, entrants (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) agree to have their submitted photograph(s) used and displayed, either singularly or in combination with others and in any size, on the official RBPL website and social media platforms and on the websites, social media, and print materials of RBPL without any fee or other form of compensation due at any time for so long as desired by RBPL. Credits, descriptions or titles, if any, used with the photograph(s) are in RBPL's sole discretion. In the event that ownership of any photograph(s) submitted is challenged in any manner by any person, RBPL may disqualify that photograph(s) and will discontinue use of the photograph(s).

Release and Limitations of Liability

By entering, you (parent/legal guardian if entrant is a minor) agree to release and hold harmless RBPL from and against any claim or cause of action arising out of participation in the Photo Contest or receipt or use of any prize.

Privacy and Publicity

Any information you submit as part of the Photo Contest will be used in accordance with RBPL's Privacy Policy. The information you provide when you enter is provided to RBPL. You consent to RBPL's use of your name in any list of winners (if applicable) and for promotional purposes in any media without further payment or consideration.

Please note all Rules & Guidelines are subject to change through the discretion of the RBPL Photo Panel.

Questions

Please contact redbanklibrary@gmail.com.