



## Fond du Lac Public Library Teen Photo Contest

### Rules & guidelines 2026

1. **Eligibility:** FDLPL Teen Photo Contest is open to students in grades 6 through 12 who attend school or are homeschooled in Fond du Lac County. FDLPL employees and members of their immediate families are not eligible to enter (but are welcome to submit photos for display that would be ineligible for judging or prizes).
2. **Terms:** Contest ends April 10, 2026, at 6 pm. All images submitted must be the work of the individual submitting them. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that any submissions have been taken with the permission of the subject and do not infringe upon the copyright of any third party or law. Entrants must attest that the photo they submit is their work and that they own the copyright for it. Photos may be enhanced but not altered by photo apps or software. AI (artificial intelligence) or other tools may not be used to generate, alter, expand, or add details to the photo that were not in the original image. Photos may be enhanced for better color balance (or to make a color photo black & white).
3. **Prizes:** One grand prize of \$250 Visa gift card will be awarded to the Best in Show. One honorable mention award per category will be given.
4. **What to enter:** Photographs can be entered for the following three categories: Joy, Light & Shadow, or Anything Goes. Entries must be clearly marked which category they are for. Entrants are limited to ONE PHOTO PER CATEGORY.
5. **How to enter:**
  - a. **Online:** Submit electronic photo files by email to [teenphoto@fdlpl.org](mailto:teenphoto@fdlpl.org) by April 10, 2026, 6 pm. Entries must be a high-resolution photo of 1 MB or larger in a 5x7 or 8x10 format and an acceptable image file type (.jpg, .png or .tif). Each photo must be submitted separately and each entrant must include the following information:
    - i. Full name
    - ii. Street address
    - iii. Phone number
    - iv. Email address
    - v. Age, grade and school attending
    - vi. Contest category (must pick one: Joy, Light & Shadow, Anything Goes)
  - b. **By mail:** Mail printed photos to: Teen Photo Contest/FDLPL, 32 Sheboygan St, Fond du Lac WI 54935. Must be postmarked by April 10, 2026. Each photo must be printed on photo paper and accompanied by a separate sheet that includes name, etc., listed above.
  - c. **Note:** Late or incomplete entries will be discarded.
6. **Rights:** Copyright in any images submitted to the competition remains with the respective entrants. However, each entrant grants a license to Fond du Lac Public Library to feature any submitted images in any publication, website and/or any promotional material related to the contest.
7. **Judging and display:** A panel of qualified judges selected by FDLPL will judge entries after April 10, 2026. Winners will be informed no later than May 6, 2026. Entries will be displayed in the library's Langdon Divers Gallery from May 6-June 2, 2026, with awards presented during an artist reception.

**For more information, call the Children's Desk at the Fond du Lac Public Library: 920-322-3940**