

Ad Astra Per Aspera!

2019 Hays Public Library Kansas Room Photo Contest Rules and Guidelines

Submission Deadline:

The Hays Public Library will accept photos from amateur photographers beginning on June 1, 2019 and will be open until August 1, 2019. One photo per participant will be accepted. Please send your name, age category, phone number, and email address, along with your photo as a JPEG to Jeremy Gill, the Kansas Room Coordinator at jgill@hayslibrary.org. Once the submission time has closed, the photos will be sent to Northwestern Printers to be printed as a 11x 14 photo. **This will be at no charge to the contestants.** The photos will be judged in private by a panel and the winners for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each age category will be awarded at the Fall Art Walk on August 23, 2019. Physical copies will be given back to the participants, but the Hays Public Library will retain the digital copies of the photos which may be used for any future use by the library.

Photo Themes:

The 2019 photo contest will be centered around the Kansas motto, Ad Astra Per Aspera, (to the stars through difficulty). This coincides with the library's summer reading theme, a "Universe of Stories." We encourage each contestant to use their own creativity and talents to explore what these themes mean to them. The library strongly encourages photos to be taken at night time to coincide with the general theme and feel of "outer space" but this is not a requirement.

Photography Contest Age Groups:

Contestants will be entered by their age category. Limit one photograph per person and the photos must be taken within the last two calendar years.

Age Groups:

6-12

13-17

18+

Children's Coloring Contest, 0-5

To have as many participants as possible the Hays Public Library and the United Way will be hosting a companion coloring contest for children ages 0-5. The designated coloring sheet can be picked up in the Children's Desk at the Hays Public Library. The opening and closing deadline for the contest will be the same as the photography contest and coloring sheet submissions can be turned in at the main desk on the 1st floor at the Hays Public Library along with the contestant's name, parent or guardian phone number, and email address. Children will also be judged as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and contestants will receive prizes accordingly.