Ruidoso Public Library Photography Contest

Theme: “The Spirit of New Mexico”

The Ruidoso Public Library invites photographers of all skill levels to share their unique perspective of the Land of Enchantment. Whether you’re a pro with a DSLR or a hobbyist with a smartphone, we want to see New Mexico through your lens! Photo submissions may include local landscapes, wildlife, architecture, or cultural moments that define New Mexico.

Contest Rules:

Eligibility: Open to adults (18+).

Entry Limit: One (1) entry per person.

Originality: Photos must be the original work of the entrant and taken within New Mexico during the contest period.

Usage Rights: By submitting an entry, contestants grant Ruidoso Public Library permission to display their photo and use it on social media or promotional materials. Contestants retain all original ownership and rights to their work.

Content Standards: All submissions must be suitable for public display. The Ruidoso Public Library strictly prohibits images containing violence, profanity, or suggestive content and reserves the sole right to disqualify any entry that does not align with our community standards or mission. By submitting, you agree that Ruidoso Public Library’s decision on eligibility is final.

How to Enter:

Choose one of the two following methods to submit your work:

Option 1: Digital Submission

- Email: Send your photo as an attachment to **library@ruidoso-nm.gov** between May 1 and May 15 (by 3 PM).
- Subject Line: Photo Contest Submission - [Your Name]
- Must include in Body of Email:
    - Full Name
    - Phone Number
    - Photo Title

    - Location where photo was taken.

Note: Please attach the original file. Screenshots and links to cloud folders (Drive/Dropbox) will not be accepted.

Option 2: In-Person Print Submission

- Drop-off: Bring your photo to the Front Desk at Ruidoso Public Library starting May 1 and no later than May 15 at 3 PM.
- Size: No larger than 8x10 inches.
- Entry Form: Complete a physical entry form at the Adult Services Circulation Desk.
- Print Return: Physical prints must be picked up between June 1 and June 8, 2026. Prints not claimed by 5 PM on June 8 will be disposed of.

Quality Notice:

Entries will be displayed exactly as they are received. To ensure your work is represented fairly, we recommend submitting a high-resolution version of your image between 3MB and 10MB in size. Ruidoso Public Library is not responsible for the display quality of low-resolution or pixelated files.

Prizes & Recognition:

The Top 3 Photos will be displayed at Ruidoso Village Hall and Ruidoso Public Library for public viewing.

The First Place Winner will receive a grand prize.

Important Dates:

Submission Window: May 1, 2026 – May 15, 2026 (by 3 PM)

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2026 (by 3 PM)

Photo Submissions on Display at Ruidoso Public Library: May 18, 2026 – May 30, 2026

Judging Period: May 27, 2026

Winners Announced: May 29, 2026