

Contest Rules

- The movie must be directed, filmed and edited by teens, age 12-19 currently living in Southeastern Minnesota.
- Entries can be submitted from individuals or groups. One prize will be awarded for each winning submission; groups are responsible for sharing the prize as they see fit.
- Each filmmaker may submit up to and no more than two short films.
- Films may be up to and no longer than 10 MINUTES in length.
- The film must include the components outlined in the FILM CONTENT GUIDELINES.
- All editing must be done before submitting the film.
- Title pages and credits should be included in your film.
- Entries can be films of any kind, including documentary, animation, experimental, and musical.
- If your film contains any copyrighted material (music for example) the filmmaker will be responsible for securing the licensing rights. (To avoid the expense and difficulty of securing such rights we recommend using only original, non-copyrighted material or material licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike license.)
- The content of the film must be suitable for viewing by an audience of all ages. The films should NOT include nudity or culturally offensive language or actions. Illegal acts should not be committed during the making of the film. Films will be previewed for content.
- Films must be submitted on DVD in a YouTube accepted format such as .WMV, .AVI, .MOV, or .MPG. (If you don't think your current video file format is recognized by YouTube, you may get the best results from converting your file to MPEG4 video with Mp3 audio.)
- Submissions will NOT be returned to the contestants.

Film Content Guidelines

1. Each film MUST have footage of the inside or outside of the Rochester Public Library.
2. At least 5 of the following 20 things MUST be seen or done at some point in your film.

- Transportation sounds (car, truck, train, plane, bike...)
- Someone balancing a food item on their head
- A harmless prank
- Photo of a live squirrel or goat
- Lynette Perry (the library's Young Adult Services Coordinator)
- Someone doing a hand stand and/or cart wheel
- A famous face on another person's body
- Someone speaking a foreign language
- Pitcher/container of juice
- A person 65 years or older
- Snowman
- Person reading a book
- Something neon green
- Someone in costume
- A MN quarter
- The #13
- Hot Wheels car
- Stars
- Harry Potter glasses
- Someone wearing a hat

Film Evaluation

- Entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges appointed by the library. The films will be judged by the following criteria: Creativity, videography, editing, thematic integration, quality of acting performances, and fulfillment of FILM CONTEST GUIDELINES.
- The judges will select FIVE films as finalists of the contest. Those 5 films will be posted to the library's website for voting by the general public from May 1-14.
- Finalists of the contest will be notified so that they can attend the film contest awards program on Sun., May 17th.

Submission Guidelines

- Each entry must include completed entry and release forms.
- Submissions can be turned into the library's Fiction, Movies & Music Desk or mailed to: Rochester Public Library - ATTN: Film Contest - 101 2nd ST SE - Rochester, MN 55904

To all Contestants: Failure to follow all submission guidelines will eliminate your entry from the contest.