

Borrowing Seeds

1. Choose packets of seeds to checkout, take home and plant
2. You will receive instructions specific to your seeds on how to plant and save seeds
3. Check out related programs at participating libraries
4. Plant your seeds and enjoy the fruits of your labor!



Returning Seeds

1. Before harvesting your seeds review the specific instructions you received at checkout.
2. Once the seeds are collected and dried set some aside for yourself to use next year, fill out the information on the labeled envelopes, and place the seeds inside the envelope with the barcode.
3. Drop off your seeds at your library for others to check out!
4. Don't worry if you have a crop failure, there's no penalty for failing to return seeds. Return the barcode envelope if possible!

Participating Libraries

Dane County Bookmobile

Visit us at www.dcls.info for a complete schedule of community visits or call us at 608-266 9297

Fitchburg Public Library

5530 Lace Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711
608-729-1760
www.city.fitchburg.wi.us/822/Library

E.D. Locke Public Library

5920 Milwaukee St., McFarland, WI 53558
608-838-9030
www.mcfarlandlibrary.org

Goodman South, Madison Public Library

2222 S Park St, Madison, WI 53713
608-266-6395
www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/goodman-south

Lakeview, Madison Public Library

2845 N Sherman Ave, Madison, WI 53704
608-246-4547
www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/lakeview

Middleton Public Library

7425 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, WI 53562
608-831-5564
www.midlibrary.org

Oregon Public Library

256 Brook St, Oregon, WI 53575
608-835-3656
www.oregonpubliclibrary.org

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Dane County Seed Library

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Dane County Libraries:
Growing more than readers

Checkout Seeds from These Participating Public Libraries

Dane County Bookmobile
E.D. Locke Public Library, McFarland
Fitchburg Public Library
Goodman South Madison Public Library
Lakeview, Madison Public Library
Middleton Public Library
Oregon Public Library



What is a Seed Library?

For thousands of years people have cultivated gardens enjoying the fruits of their labor. Until recent times saving the previous year's seeds to plant the next crop was an essential part of the process. Today many people are enjoying the return of the seed saving tradition.

Seed saving is important because you:

- Develop seeds that become acclimated to our local climate
- Grow plants that are more pest resistant
- Save money on seeds and plants
- Know where your food is coming from
- Become less dependent on large food producers



By participating in the *seed library* you are helping to create a culture of sharing and community. Saving seeds leads to a sustainable future for your community and your garden. If you already save seeds consider contributing to our *seed library*.

Saving Seeds

Borrowing seeds from the *seed library* is FREE! However, your contribution to your community is priceless. Gardening allows you to become more self-sufficient, eat more nutritious food, and save money.

To participate in the *seed library* we ask that you not only save seeds for yourself but also for the *seed library*. When you return seeds to the *seed library* they will be cataloged and other community members can check them out.

The greater number of seeds that are returned to the *seed library* the greater the number of community members who can benefit.



How it Works

The *seed library* will start with these seeds because they are fun and easy to grow for beginner seed savers. These seeds tend to produce plants that are like what you planted and are self-pollinating. The seeds are generally easy to harvest and dry.



- Basil
- Beans
- Beets
- Chard
- Chives
- Hot Peppers
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Peas
- Sweet Peppers
- Spinach
- Tomatoes