

What is a Seed Library?

A seed library is a free exchange of flower and vegetable seeds.

You can choose seeds to plant in the spring and summer. When you harvest in the fall, you can return some seeds to the seed library to keep it going.

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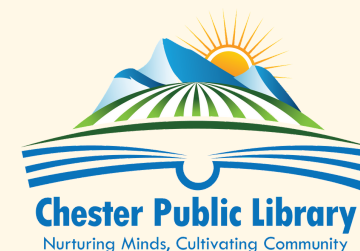


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Why Save Seeds?

Saving seeds is a way that you can become an active part in the growing cycle! There are many reasons to save seeds, here are just a few:

- Protect genetic diversity
- Become more self-reliant
- Build Community
- Save Money
- Help support pollinators

How Do I Save Seeds?

There are some plants that are great for beginner seed-savers, including peas, lettuce, tomatoes, and beans.

Explore the resources (right) to find out more about the process of saving seeds.

If you would like to return seeds to our seed library, place seeds in one of the small envelopes provided and fill out the seed information.

Resources

Here's a list of additional resources for you to learn more about gardening, seed starting, and seed saving. Books and magazines available at the library.

Websites:

- Seed Savers Exchange:
 - seedsavers.org
- Orange County Cornell Cooperative Extension
 - cceorangecounty.org
- Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
 - www.southernexposure.com

Books:

- *The New Seed-Starters Handbook* by Nancy Bubel
- *1000 Gardening Questions & Answers based on the New York Times*
- *Homegrown Harvest: A season-by-season guide to a sustainable kitchen garden* by The American Horticultural Society

Magazines

- *Fine Gardening*
- *Mother Earth News*