



FVRL Seed Library

What is a Seed Lending Library?

The idea is simple: you borrow from a selection of vegetable, flower or herb seeds at any time during the year, plant them in your garden, and watch them grow. When it's time to harvest, let a plant or two go to seed, collect the seeds, and bring them back to the library for other gardeners to enjoy.

- Check out up to 5 packets of vegetable, flower or herb seeds.
- Keep seeds separate, label and date the seeds you bring in for donation. You can get seed envelopes at the library.
- Growing plants from hybrid seeds does not guarantee seeds will breed true to what was planted.
- Seeds save best when they are stored in a cool, dark, and dry place.
- For information about planting, gardening and common problems, check out the Old Farmer's Almanac at almanac.com and more information at hortsense.cahnrs.wsu.edu or explore the large selection of gardening guides and books at fvrl.org.

Why seed lending?

- Growing and saving seeds from locally grown plants helps cultivate varieties that do well in our region.
- It helps preserve genetic diversity of old varieties.
- We hope to cultivate a network of seed savers in the region, supporting each other and the seed library as a resource for the gardening community.
- It helps to strengthen our local food system.
- Heirloom varieties provide different flavor profiles and interesting physical features, such as colorful carrots.

How Seed Libraries support the community:

- Collecting local heirloom varieties helps preserve seed that might otherwise be lost.
- It promotes local agriculture by growing collections of seeds locally adapted to the region.
- Local experts host how-to classes at the library—from planting seeds, companion planting, and saving seeds to preserving your bounty.