



How to Borrow Seeds

1. Visit the Connection Desk.
2. Choose up to 5 seed packets.
3. Check out with library card!

New to Seed Saving?

Start with seeds easy to grow and harvest the resulting seeds.

Easy to save:

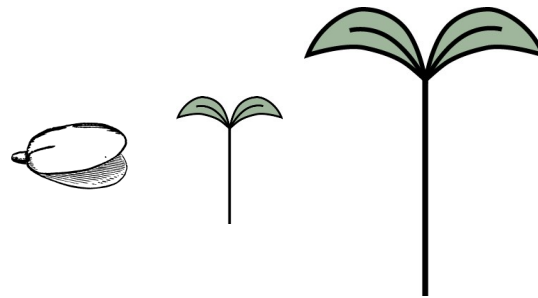
- beans
- lettuce
- peppers
- eggplant
- peas
- tomatoes



Library Organization

The LLD Seed Library is shelved at the Connection Desk

The collection is divided into 5 categories: "Vegetables," "Gourds", "Flowers," "Herbs", and "Pollinators Collection."



Learn More

- Check our calendar for upcoming gardening programs.
- Talk to an Illinois Master Gardener at 630-955-1123
- Read about seed saving under call numbers **631.5 & 635**.
- Join the seedsavers.org online forum or watch the webinars offered



How to Return and Donate Seeds

1. Read the LLD Seed Library brochure.
2. Plant and harvest your seeds.
3. Save seeds from healthy plants.
4. Return the packet back to the Connection Desk, even if you did not have success collecting seeds.



The LLD Seed Library does not knowingly accept genetically modified or patented seeds.

Sources consulted/info for this brochure :

- Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library: RichmondGrowsSeeds.org
- Bakers Creek Heirloom Seed Company: RareSeeds.com
- Seedsavers.org



Seeds and Pollination

A plant produces seeds in order to reproduce itself. Just like an egg has to be fertilized to become a new animal, a seed must be pollinated to produce a new plant. Understanding pollination is key to getting seeds to produce the plants you want. Some plants are **self-pollinating** -- the male and female parts are contained within a single flower that fertilizes itself. Other plants, called **cross-pollinators**, have separate male and female flowers and their pollen has to get from one flower to another in order for the flowers to be fertilized.



What is the "Pollinators" Collection?

As mentioned previously, pollination is an essential step to help our fruits, vegetables, and vital plants come to fruition. Sometimes these plants require additional assistance from some very helpful insects and creatures called **Pollinators**. Our **Pollinators Collection** features flowers and herbs that provide much needed sustenance to support and encourage the propagation of these wonderful helpers. This collection features seeds that are easy to plant, creating an aromatic and aesthetically pleasing garden with a purpose!

**Please support the
LLD Seed Library
by returning seeds to share.
If you did not have any luck
this growing
season, simply
return the empty seed
packets to the library.**

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LLD Seed Library



SEED SAVING

OUR GOAL

The LLD Seed Library preserves genetic diversity, develops local resilience, increases food education, and encourages direct action.

