

City of Milwaukee  
Ledding Library

## **Seed Library FAQs**

### **What is a seed library?**

A seed library is a community resource that provides free access to seeds for community members to grow and sow at home.

### **Where is the Seeds of Thanks seed library located?**

The seed library is located in a repurposed card catalog near our circulation desk. Ask a staff member if you need assistance!

### **What are the goals of the Seeds of Thanks seed library?**

- To create a culture of learning, community connection, resilience, and gratitude through free access to seeds and related learning resources.

### **Where are the seeds in the Seeds of Thanks seed library from?**

The seed library was started using seeds from past seed swap events, as well as seeds purchased with the generous support of the Friends of the Ledding Library.

### **Who is the Seeds of Thanks seed library for?**

This resource is for all community members and is intended to support new and experienced gardeners and seed savers alike.

### **What kinds of seeds are included in the Seeds of Thanks seed library?**

The seed library offers a wide variety of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds. New seeds are added throughout the year, so check back often to see what's new!

### **What if my seeds don't grow, or what if something is wrong with my plant?**

Please note that while we do our best to ensure seed quality, we can't guarantee that all donated seeds will grow or produce viable plants – this is why we encourage you to take a few seeds for every plant you wish to grow. If you're new to gardening, consider checking out some of our recommended educational resources, or reaching out to a local gardening club for assistance. In any case, you are welcome to check out more seeds and try again next growing season!

### **How can I save seeds? What does "saving seeds" mean?**

Saving seeds means allowing some of the plants you grow to flower and produce seeds, and then harvesting and preserving some of those seeds for future growing seasons. Seed saving techniques vary by plant type. Check out our recommended educational resources for more information about saving seeds.

**Do you take donations of commercial seed packets? How do I donate my saved seeds?**

Many of the seeds in the Seed Library have been generously donated by library patrons. We prefer open-pollinated and non-GMO varieties of commercial and saved seeds. For saved seed donations, please fill out and include a donation form.

**How can I give feedback about the Seeds of Thanks seed library?**

We welcome your thoughts! Please reach out to us at [ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov)

**How can I support the Seeds of Thanks seed library?**

Currently, the best way to support the seed library is to check out seeds and encourage your friends and family to do the same! If you would like to volunteer, host a program, or have questions about seed library donations, reach out to us at the email address above. Thank you for your interest and support!