

WPL Seed Libraries

Seed Libraries are a way to encourage gardening and local food production. Saving seeds preserves heirloom varieties and protects biodiversity in food crops. Growing your own food is also a step towards self-reliance and resilience in difficult times. Choosing seeds from a seed library is an affordable way to experiment with new varieties of plants.

Depositing Seeds:

Seed Libraries are open at participating branches for you to drop off your saved seeds. We welcome seeds that you have harvested and/or leftover purchased seed. Seeds are to be:

- Dry and no more than two years old.
- Heirloom/heritage or organic (no hybrids please).
- From fruits, vegetables, flowers, and herbs.

Information on harvesting seeds is available online:

- Seed Savers Exchange - www.seedsavers.org/Education/Seed-Saving-Resources
- Seed Alliance - www.seedalliance.org
- How to Save Seeds - howtosaveseeds.com

Seeds can be placed in sealed envelopes—one pinch of large seeds or two pinches of small seeds per envelope. Large quantities of seeds can be left in glass jars.

Labels are available at the branches, or can be printed (see next page) and completed at home.

Selecting Seeds:

Seed Libraries are open at participating branches in early spring for seed selection. Up to six packages may be chosen from the seed collection, with a maximum of one package per plant variety.

Free programs on gardening topics are offered throughout the year at Winnipeg Public Library. Check the Events calendar at winnipeg.ca/library to register.

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