

Borrowing Seeds

1. Visit a Seed Library Branch or place an order online at www.madl.org/seed_library
2. Choose up to five seed varieties.
3. You will receive instructions along with the seeds on how to plant and save them.
4. Plant your seeds, care for them, and then enjoy the fruits of your labor.



Returning Seeds

1. Before harvesting your seeds review the instructions provided.
2. Once the seeds are collected and dried, set some aside for yourself to use next year and some for the library as well.
3. Bring your seeds to any MADL library and fill out the Seed Donation form. Then turn your seeds and form in to library staff.
4. Don't worry if your crops didn't grow well. There is no penalty for failing to return seeds.

Sponsors



<https://natureandnurtureseeds.com/>



www.seedsavers.org



www.sowtrueseed.com



Muskegon Area District Library

SEED LIBRARIES Montague & North Muskegon Branches

Planting more than
just knowledge.

Montague Branch
8778 Ferry St.
Montague, Michigan 49437
231-893-2675

North Muskegon Branch
1522 Ruddiman Dr.
North Muskegon, Michigan 49445
231-744-6080

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What is a Seed Library?

Until recently, throughout history, people have cultivated gardens or farms for food and enjoyment. They would then save the seeds from what they grew to plant again the following year. We offer a chance to reclaim that tradition of seed saving.

Seed Saving is important because you:

- Develop seeds that become acclimated to our local climate.
- Grow plants that are more pest resistant.
- Save money on seeds, plants, and your food budget.
- Know where your food is coming from.



By saving seeds and exchanging them, you help add to the sustainability of our community. If you already save seeds, consider contributing to our seed exchange.

Saving Seeds



Borrowing seeds is FREE! However, your contribution to your community is priceless. Gardening allows you to become more self-sufficient, eat more nutritious food, and save money.

To participate we ask that you not only save seeds for yourself but also for the seed library. They will be added into the seed library so they are available to others.

The more seeds that are returned, the more people who benefit.

How it Works

Each seed library will start with seeds of various kinds and degrees of ease in harvesting. Colored dots have been placed on each seed packet indicating difficulty. Green dots are easy to harvest seeds, yellow dots are medium, and red dots are harder to harvest. This allows for options for both beginner and advanced gardeners.

Our seed libraries include:

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Flowers
- Herbs

