

WHAT IS A SEED LIBRARY?

A SEED LIBRARY COLLECTS AND STORES SEEDS AND SHARES THEM WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR FREE.



HOW TO BORROW SEEDS

1. VISIT THE SEED LIBRARY NEXT TO THE NON-FICTION SECTION
2. CHOOSE 8-10 PACKETS OF SEEDS PER FALL AND SPRING GROWING SEASON
3. WRITE YOUR CHOICES DOWN IN THE SEED CHECK OUT LIST

****YOU DO NOT NEED TO HAVE A LIBRARY CARD TO CHECK OUT SEEDS OR ATTEND ANY GARDENING PROGRAMS****

SHARE PICTURES OF YOUR GARDENS ON OUR SOCIAL CHANNELS!



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OUR GOAL

TO EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT THE REWARDS OF GARDENING AND SEED SAVING.



THE SEED LIBRARY WILL GROW WHEN YOU DONATE BACK THE SEEDS THAT YOU PLANT AND HARVEST.

THE FLAGG-ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY ALONG WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS OF OGLE COUNTY OFFER SEED SAVING WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. CONTACT THE LIBRARY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATION

THE SEED LIBRARY IS HOUSED IN A REPURPOSED CARD CATALOG



THE LIBRARY IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SEED CATEGORIES:

- HERBS**
- FLOWERS**
- NATIVE PLANTS**
- VEGETABLES**

EACH SEED PACKET IS ALPHABITZED BY COMMON NAME WITHIN THEIR CATEGORY

LEARN MORE

Check out our website and facebook page for upcoming gardening and seed saving programs:

www.rochellepubliclibrary.org

Facebook: Flagg-Rochelle Public Library

Email a Master Gardener from April 1-September 30
uiemg-ogle@illinois.edu

Read about seed saving and gardening in our nonfiction section under call numbers **631** through **635**

Master Gardeners of Ogle County Website:
<https://extension.illinois.edu/bdo>

Explore these websites:
<http://exchange.seedsavers.org>
<http://howtosaveseeds.com>
<http://www.seedalliance.org>

WHY ARE NATIVE SEEDS IMPORTANT?

Native seeds come from unique plants that have evolved in a particular location for a long time. Because of that long process, a native plant has specialized relationships with the other organisms in the ecosystem in which it evolved. It “fits into” and benefits its given landscape and the organisms in it.

HYBRID VS. HEIRLOOM

On the seed packets you may see the terms hybrid or heirloom. Heirloom means you can save the seeds from what you grow for next year’s planting. Hybrid seeds that are harvested and saved will not produce a plant with the same characteristics as the hybrid seed planted the year before.

