

## Our Mission:

To offer free vegetable, flower, herb, and fruit seeds, and resources and programs to educate users in gardening and seed saving.

In doing so, we hope to:

Develop a source of open pollinated, heirloom and hand-pollinated seeds that are best suited to grow well in our region and climate.

Prevent hunger and promote healthy eating, better health and well-being and foster a community of resilience and self-reliance.

Contribute to and support community gardeners, form partnerships with local invested organizations and **develop a local network of skilled seed stewards.**

Increase library usage and community involvement and create volunteer opportunities.

Help low-income households afford nutritious food and all users to save money.

Afford patrons opportunities to learn new gardening skills.

## Ways you can help?

**Check out, plant, grow, gather and return seed!**

**Attend related programs!**

### **Volunteer!**

Assistance in seed winnowing and cleaning, filling out forms and labels, packaging seed and other tasks will be needed.

### **Donate!**

We will accept:

- ◇ Open pollinated, heirloom or hand-pollinated seeds that are properly cleaned, dried and labeled. See our seed donation station.
- ◇ Related equipment including winnowing screens, seed envelopes, books on gardening and seed saving, etc.
- ◇ Money (Cash or Check)

**To volunteer, donate, or ask questions please contact Seed Librarian Ken Bignotti @ 734-466-2460 or [kbignotti@livoniapubliclibrary.org](mailto:kbignotti@livoniapubliclibrary.org).**

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# Livonia

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Seed Library

The Livonia Public Library Seed Library is a free resource for our community to borrow garden seed and learn about gardening and seed saving.

The Seed Library is located in a cabinet on the second floor of the Civic Center Branch, 32777 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154, and is accessible during normal library operation hours.

[livonialibrary.info/seedlibrary](http://livonialibrary.info/seedlibrary)





## How it Works

**1. Register:**

Register by submitting a completed membership form. Form can be found online @ [livonialibrary.info/seedlibrary](http://livonialibrary.info/seedlibrary) or at the Civic Center branch. Form needs to be completed only once.

**2. Request or select seed:**

Users are allowed to check out 5 seed packets per month, 20 max per season. You can browse the seed library cabinet for selections or contact the seed librarian with requests.

**3. Borrow Seed:**

Check out your seed packets by logging the date, your name, seed type AND variety chosen and quantity in our Checkout Book, which is next to the seed library cabinet.

**3. Sow seed, grow plant to seed:**

Growing and seed harvesting information can be found on YouTube by searching (name of seed and variety) + (growing) or (saving seed), or you can contact the seed librarian. Don't forget to use the collection of educational resources at the seed library to help with growing and seed saving.

**4. Harvest seed and return some to seed library:**

Envelopes, donation forms and a donation drop box are at the seed library donation station for your seed donation convenience, or you can contact the seed librarian to donate.

### **FAQ**

**Is this exclusively for Livonia Residents?** No, but it would be wise to consider the amount of travel necessary to get seeds back to the library and that there may be a seed library at the public library in your service area or nearer your garden.

**Are users obligated to return seed to the seed library?** No, but that is what makes the seed library sustainable. Without your seed donations volunteering, the seed library dies. Also, many things can affect your garden production and nearly any gardening experience can be a learning one. There will also be limited free seed available. We will also have seed catalogs available for purchasing seed outside of the seed library.