



Harvesting Seeds

Packets are labeled as to the ease of seed harvesting. Some are super easy.

Others, a bit more challenging. Either way, it is super rewarding to give back!

1. Start with an easy crop to harvest. Peas, beans, tomatoes, and lettuce are super easy.
2. Grow enough plants. You want to harvest from the best.
3. Put a bit of space between varieties to avoid cross-pollination. We don't want surprise melons when we planted squash!
4. We mostly eat what are considered immature crops. In order to have mature seeds, the veggies need to be past what we would normally eat. Let them fully mature, then harvest.
5. Extract the seeds, then clean, dry, and store. We can help with the details of each specie.

Who We Are

The mission of the Ashley County Library is to enrich the lives of all patrons by supporting life-long learning through equal opportunity access to technology, information, knowledge, and ideas in a way that encourages growth, success, and creativity.

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GOING TO SEED

Seed Library of the Ashley County Library



What is a seed library?

A place to check out a variety of seeds for your personal use. We only ask you let one of the mature plants “go to seed” and return those seeds to us, to continue the giving cycle!

Why a seed library?

- Free seeds!
- Growing and harvesting our seeds increases the hardiness of the crops for our climate
- Organic, heirloom, non-GMO varieties
- Better tasting vegetables
- More nutritious vegetables
- A reliable source of quality seeds

What we offer:

We currently have a small collection of every-day garden variety vegetables and herbs. We are looking for ways to expand our collection through grants and patron donations.



We have started with:

- Green Beans
- Lima Beans
- Black-eyed Peas
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Watermelon
- Cantaloupe
- Okra
- Parsley
- Chives
- Basil



Why should you participate?

- It's the environmentally smart thing to do!
- It's economical...because it's free!
- It ensures the security of heirloom varieties not always popular with the big seed companies.
- It provides food sources for our prime pollinators, the bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds.
- It's easy! Dirt, seed, water, voila!
- You do not have to be a gardener and you do not have to eat the veggies (no matter what Mom says.)
- If veggies aren't your thing, plant a bee-butterfly garden!
- It is fun to learn new things! We have a ton of resources and great books to feed your curiosity!

