

Seed Library

Sprouting Success

Eagle Rock Seed Library



Give. Love. Grow. Bloom.

The Eagle Rock Seed Library is a collection of heirloom seeds available to patrons to promote the growing and saving of heirloom flowers, herbs and vegetables.

Why are seed libraries important?

- Highlight and preserve rare and heirloom varieties
- Foster diversity in our food system
- Provide an opportunity for hands-on agricultural education
- Encourage healthy communities by promoting outdoor activity and the consumption of fresh, local produce.



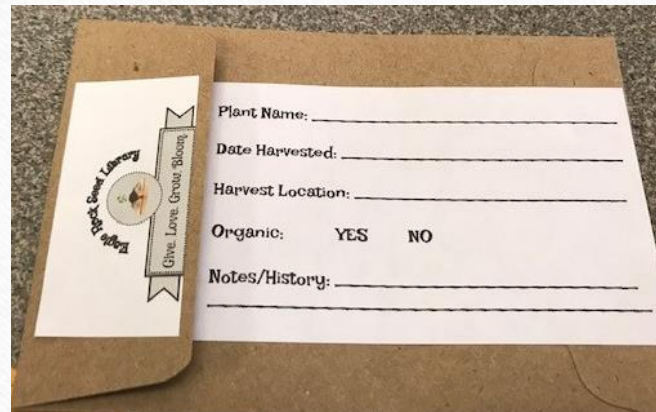
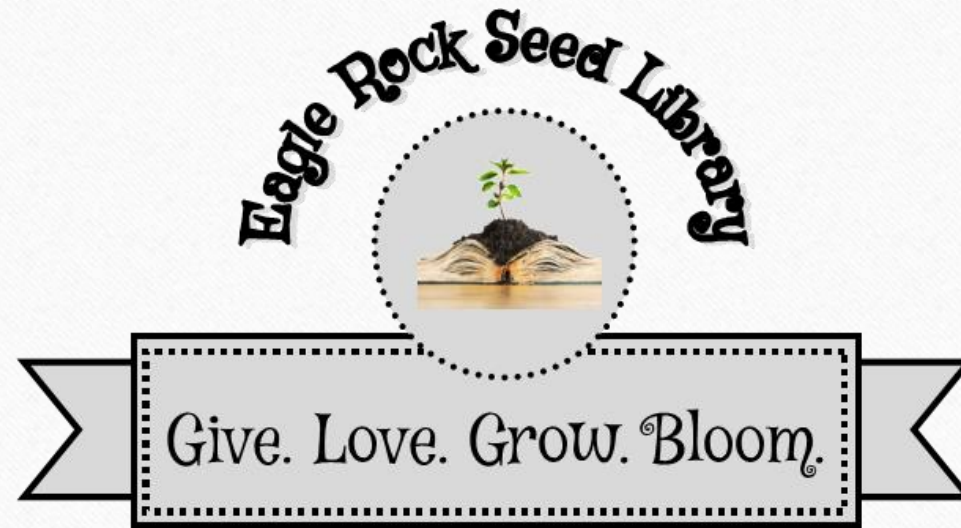
Steps to Creating a Seed Library

- Get your community involved
 - Work with local gardening clubs
 - Talk to patrons about the idea
 - Work with national organizations
 - Seed Savers Exchange
 - VA Cooperative Extension
 - Organic Seed Alliance

The logo for the Organic Seed Alliance. It features the word "ORGANIC" in a small, black, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "seed" is written in a large, black, serif font. At the bottom, the word "ALLIANCE" is written in a small, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the word "seed" is a stylized leaf icon.

Steps to Creating a Seed Library

- Brand your seed library
- Create packaging
 - Seed envelopes
 - Standard mailing envelopes
 - Glass Jars
 - Labels



Steps to Creating a Seed Library

- Acquire Storage
 - Boxes or plastic containers
 - Dividable Drawers
 - Old card catalogs
- Create Categories
 - Alphabetical
 - Easy-Hard
 - Type of plant



Steps to Creating a Seed Library

- Find a location
 - What type of shelving
 - Visibility of collection
 - Easy access



Steps to Creating a Seed Library

- Tracking Methods
 - Computer vs. paper
 - What information to gather
- Ground Rules
 - How many packets can be checked out?
 - Do we accept only organically grown plants?
 - Are pesticides allowed?
 - How do we gather this information?



Can This Be Recreated Anywhere?

Little to no budget

- Use what is in your building.
- Get the community to donate
- Repurpose furniture or shelving
- Print and fold your seed packets from an on-line template

Bigger Budget

- Dedicate a computer to track collection
- Purchase shelving
- Hire a professional to design your logo

My How We Have Grown



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Spinoffs and Collaborations

- Worked with the Friends of the Library and the Eagle Rock Elementary School Ecology Club to create an annual plant sale.



Spinoffs and Collaborations

- Hands on programming for adults and children
 - Master Gardner Programs
 - Focus on seed saving and indoor gardening
 - Eagle Rock Sprouts
 - Hands-on agriculture activities
 - What's Cooking in Eagle Rock?
 - Using our harvests to teach healthy cooking

