



## Saving & Sharing Seeds

The seeds you borrow from the Yankton Seed Library are given to you at no financial cost, and they are priceless.

A commitment to growing plants from seeds is a gift to yourself and your family. We hope you learn, experience the joy of gardening, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The mission of the Yankton Seed Library is to increase our ability to feed ourselves wholesome food while enriching our natural surroundings by offering free local fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds raised by and for Yankton area residents; and by providing complimentary information, instruction and education about gardening.

## Seed Library FAQs

Seed saving is something humans have done for over 10,000 years. When you grow and save your own seeds, you develop seed stock that is well suited to our climate and you save money.

### What is the Yankton Seed Library offering?

- A variety of flower, vegetable, and fruit seeds

### Who can borrow seeds?

- Anyone that participates in the Yankton Seed Library's gardening classes can borrow seeds from the seed library.

### When is the library open?

- The seed library is open in conjunction with the Library's gardening classes.

### What do you mean "borrow" seeds? How can I do that if I plant them?

- Plant the seeds. Then, at the end of the season, if you feel comfortable, you can return seeds from the next generation of plants. You can learn how by taking one of the library's free classes. Don't worry, there are no fines if you don't save seeds.

### Do I have to return seeds to participate?

- No, but bringing seeds helps to keep the library stocked.

### Who runs the Yankton Seed Library?

- The Yankton Seed Library is a volunteer organization run by local organizations and the Yankton Community Library.



The Yankton Seed Library is supported through a grant from the Yankton Area Foundation of the South Dakota Community Foundation.



# 2018



*Yankton*  
*Seed Library*

Located in the Yankton Community Library

515 Walnut Street  
Yankton, SD 57078

[library.cityofyankton.org](http://library.cityofyankton.org)

 Yankton Seed Library

# Seed Library Classes

\*Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street

## 2018 Launch Celebration

January 9, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

January 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Intro to Eco-Gardening
- Get a jump start on your garden
- This will be a hands-on class!

## Garden Planning

February 13, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

February 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Square foot gardening
- Theme gardens
- Stagger planting

## Seed Starting

March 13, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

March 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Tools for success
- Lighting
- Make your own seed pots hands-on activity!

## Proactive Planting

April 10, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

April 10, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Preventing problems before they start
- Companion planting and vertical gardening to save space and prevent bugs
- Planting to deter animals

## Non-Chemical Intervention for Bugs and Weeds (Receive your earned starter plants)

May 8, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

May 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Weed management
- Natural ways to control bad bugs, but keep your good bugs
- Keeping your garden safe for pollinators

## Caring for Your Plants

June 12, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

June 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Watering Do's and Don'ts
- Soaker hoses and rain barrels
- Mulching and Fertilizing

## Your Growing Questions

July 10 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

July 10, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Panel Discussion featuring experienced and Master Gardeners
- Submit questions ahead of time through the Yankton Seed Library Facebook page or email [slippert@cityofyankton.org](mailto:slippert@cityofyankton.org)

## Seed Saving

**\* Change of format this month \***

August 14, 1-2 p.m., Library\*

*Presentation on Seed Saving*

August 14, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Library\*

*The evening class will be a hands-on workshop. Participants will make a seed saving screen.*

## Wrapping Up Your Garden

September 11, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

September 11, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Composting
- Making winter habitats
- Looking ahead to next spring; crop rotation

## Herb Gardening

October 9, 1-2 p.m., Library\* OR

October 9, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Library\*

- Now and later herb gardening
- Window sill gardening
- Drying herbs

## Bonus Class!

Marlys Jauch-Fenner, Master Gardener and former Home Economics teacher, will offer a class on the basics of canning and food preservation.

Tuesday, August 7  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

