



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.



**Yankton
Seed Library**

Located in the Yankton Community Library

**515 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078**

library.cityofyankton.org

 Yankton Seed Library

Seed Library Classes

*Yankton Community Library, 515 Walnut Street

2017 Launch Celebration

January 10, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Introducing our theme...Pollinator Power!
- Presentation, demonstrations and tastings
- Seed Library orientation; membership sign-ups

Making Your Yard a Welcome Space for Pollinators

February 7, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Guest speaker on bees
- This will be a hands-on class where you will make a Mason Bee house
- All participants receive a packet of pollinator mix seeds

Composting for Fuel

March 14, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- How composting works
- Keys to successful composting
- Natural fertilizers that help pollinators

Ready, Set, Go!

April 11, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Garden planning with pollinators in mind
- Preparing your soil
- Seed starting and planting

How to Read Your Plants (Receive your earned starter plants)

May 9, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- How to plant the most in the smallest space
- How to keep your plants healthy
- Pruning

Bad Bug/Good Bug

June 13, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Natural ways to control bad bugs, but keep your good bugs
- Bats are your friends and the mosquitos' enemy!
- Keeping your garden safe for pollinators

“What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered.” Ralph Waldo Emerson

July 11, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Covers, don't let them start
- Natural killers
- Time after time

Seed Saving and Sharing

August 8, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Drying and saving seeds
- Donating to the Seed Library
- Demonstration of wet and dry seed processing

Your Empty Garden Spot Makes a Nice Home

September 12, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Wrapping up your garden beds
- Making winter habitats
- Looking ahead to next spring; crop rotation

Bee Proactive

October 10, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Presentation by Merle Brandt, local bee keeper
- The importance of pollination for the garden and beyond
- Protecting the pollinators

Youth Class: The Pollinator

February 9, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Library* OR

February 9, 6:00 -7:00 p.m., Library*

- What is a pollinator? Why do we want them?
- Make a pollinator home for your yard

Youth Class: Plant Care

May 11, 3:45-4:45 p.m., Library* OR

May 11, 6:00 -7:00 p.m., Library*

- Basic plant care
- Plant a 5 gallon garden

Youth Class: What's Next

June 13, 1-2 p.m., Library* OR

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

- Trouble shooting garden problems
- When is the produce on your plant ready to eat?

