

## LEARN MORE:

- Check the LLD calendar for upcoming gardening programs
- Call an Illinois Master Gardener at 630-955-1123
- Read about seed saving under LLD call numbers 631.5 & 635
- Join the seedsavers.org online forum or watch the webinars offered

### Sources consulted for this brochure:

- Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library: [RichmondGrowsSeeds.org](http://RichmondGrowsSeeds.org)
- Bakers Creek Heirloom Seed Company: [RareSeeds.com](http://RareSeeds.com)
- Seedsavers.org
- Farmers Almanac online
- USDA Forest Service

**Please support the LLD Seed Library by returning seeds to share. If you did not have any luck this growing season, simply return the empty seed packets to the library.**

# The Seed Library



### Lisle Library District Hours:

Monday-Friday: 9:30 AM - 9PM  
Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5PM  
Sunday: 1 - 5PM

### OUR GOAL:

**To preserve genetic diversity, develop local resilience, increase food education, and encourage direct action.**

## SEED COLLECTION

The LLD Seed Library is available at the Adult Services desk on the first floor.

The collection is divided into five categories:

- Vegetables
- Gourds
- Flowers
- Herbs
- Pollinators

## HOW TO BORROW SEEDS:

- Visit the Adult Services Desk on the first floor
- Select up to five seed packets to check out. Seed packets are available to both LLD patrons and reciprocal borrowers.



## WHAT IS THE POLLINATORS COLLECTION?

The Pollinators Collection features flowers and herbs that provide much needed sustenance to support and encourage the propagation of pollinators.

This collection features seeds that are easy to plant, creating an aromatic and aesthetically pleasing garden with a purpose!



## HOW TO RETURN & DONATE SEEDS:

- Plant and harvest your seeds
- Save seeds from healthy plants (if you can)
- Return the packet back to the Adult Services desk, even if you did not have success collecting seeds

## NEW TO SEED SAVING?

- Start with easy to grow seeds and harvest the resulting seeds
- Some examples of easy to save seeds are beans, eggplant, lettuce, peas, peppers, and tomatoes

### When is a Seed Ripe?

From a plant's point of view, ripeness is when the seeds are viable, which is not always when the plant is most edible and you would harvest for eating.

- Peas and beans are ready when the pods turn brown on the vine and shrink against the seeds
- Pepper seeds are ripe when they start to shrivel and are at their full color; depending on variety, this could be red, orange, yellow, purple, or black.
- Tomato seeds are ripe when tomatoes are firm but tender. When pressing them, they have some give, unlike the hard feel of green ones. Like peppers, they will also have reached their full color.