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- Join the seedsavers.org forum
- Read about seed saving at your local library
- Talk to experienced seed-saving gardeners
- Keep good garden records



Seed Library Locations

Dusenberry-River Library
5605 E River Road #105
520.594.5345

Flowing Wells Library
1730 W Wetmore Road
520.594.5225

Himmel Park Library
1035 N Treat Avenue
520.594.5305

Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N Stone Avenue
520.594.5500

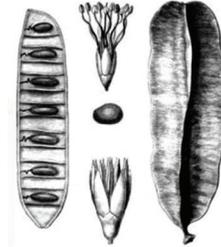
Martha Cooper Library
1377 N Catalina Avenue
520.594.5315

Oro Valley Library
1305 West Naranja Drive
520.594.5580

Quincie Douglas Library
1585 E 36th Street
520.594.5335

Salazar-Ajo Library
15 W Plaza Street #179
Ajo, AZ 85321
520.387.6075

INFOLINE 520.791.4010
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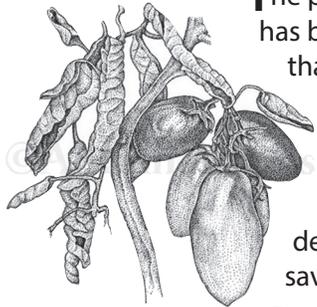
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The practice of saving seeds has been around for more than 12,000 years. Today, seed saving helps us to develop stronger seeds that are better adapted to our unique desert climate. It also saves us money!

Because seed saving is part of our heritage and traditions, it is one way we can come together as a community. When we grow food, our community grows. That's why Pima County Public Library started the Seed Library in January, 2012.

Experience the joys of gardening! Our Seed Library is about...

- Encouraging our community to dig in and garden
- Reconnecting our community to the traditions of growing tasty, healthy food
- Educating our community about growing, harvesting, and saving seeds
- Creating a community-sustained seed collection at our library
- Nurturing a culture of sharing and abundance



Step 1: Choosing Seeds

Visit any of our Seed Library locations in person to look for seeds, or search our online catalog and place seeds on reserve for pick-up at your local branch library. When using our online catalog, type "Seed Library" in the Subject search to get an alphabetical listing of all of our available seeds. You can also type the plant's common name, variety, or scientific name in the Keyword search to look for specific seeds.

Our seed collection depends on donations, growing success, and seasonal changes. We'll have different seeds available at different times, so please check back with us frequently to see what's new.

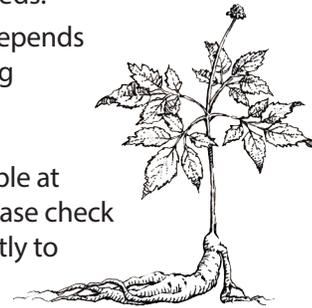
You can choose from "Easy" and "Advanced" seeds.

We categorize seeds by how difficult it is to save seeds as "true to type," not how to grow them. If you're a beginner gardener, don't worry about saving seeds right now. Instead, select the seeds that you're interested in growing. Focus first on having fun and learning how to garden. The seed saving part will come later!

Step 2: Borrowing Seeds

All you need is a current PCPL library card. Seeds can be checked out just as you would check out books, DVDs, or any library materials (please remember to scan the barcode on the seed package).

The seed packets contain enough seeds to grow at least five to ten plants. You can check out up to six packets every month. You don't return the same seeds, so there are no due dates, and you'll never accrue overdue fines.



Step 3: Saving Seeds

Seeds are a genetic goldmine. When we save seeds we're passing on the genetic qualities of the plant that provided them.

Even when you are planning to save "Easy" seeds, we recommend planting one variety of each plant to help prevent accidental cross-pollination. "Advanced" seeds require special planning. If you're a more experienced gardener growing plants for seed saving, you'll want to choose "Advanced" seeds after learning how to isolate plants to prevent cross-pollination.

Step 4: Sharing Seeds

Collect seeds from your healthiest or tastiest crops. Be sure to set aside some seeds for yourself. Place some seeds for the Seed Library in clearly labeled envelopes or containers. Please label your envelope, jar, or baggie with a donation slip that you can find at any of our Seed Library locations, or print a slip at home from our website. The more information that you provide, the better we can track the success of our local seed stories.

Bring your labeled seeds to any PCPL branch location. And keep gardening!

