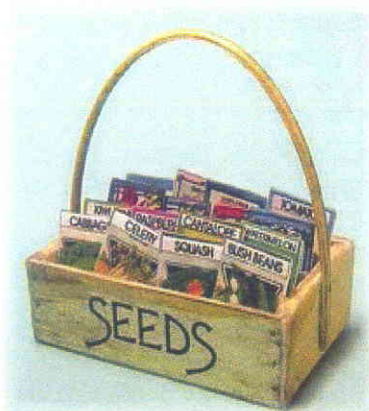


Why Save Seeds?

Seeds have captured the imagination of people since they started saying “once upon a time”. Be it folktales about Jack and the Beanstalk or parables about mustard seeds, seeds captured the wonder of new beginnings and the cycle of life. Humans have been saving seeds for over 12,000 years. Here is a chance to build on this legacy and write your own story when you grow and save your own seeds!



Welcome to the World of Saving and Sharing Seeds!

The seeds you borrow from The Barlow Seed Library are lent to you at no financial cost and they are priceless!

- A commitment to growing plants from seeds is a gift to yourself!
- We hope you learn much, experience the joy of gardening and the fruits of your labor.
- At harvest time, please take some extra steps to save seeds for others.
- We ask that a portion of the seeds you save be returned to the seed lending library to keep the library self-sustaining.
- Our seeds are not certified organic in origin but are provided to the community as a benefit to the community.

Special thanks to David Cavagnaro of the Pepperfield Project and Herman's Garden of Seed Savers Exchange for helping us sow this project. Also partnering with Iowa State Extension, Hardin County; Iowa State Horticulture Department; Iowa Valley Cont. Ed and IF Farmer's Market

CHECK IT OUT!

Barlow Library created Seed Library!



Seeds of Learning Project

Our Mission:

Barlow Seed Lending Library is a non traditional free community seed lending project , demonstrating that libraries check out more than just books. We are committed to helping our patrons grow as life-long learners. “Checking Out” seeds from the Barlow Library will, we hope, teach you about gardening and will help you to grow!

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Growing More than Active Minds

No matter if you are a seasoned grower or a new sprout to gardening, we will be offering classes that will help germinate a new interest or propagate a old interest in gardening. We are excited to offer a class with Iowa State Extension and Iowa State Horticulture Department. This class will be offered Saturday, March 31, at 11 a.m. It will include:

- How to Germinate Seeds
- Seed Collecting Strategies
- General Gardening Tips
- Questions & Answers

Seeds are available: 3 packets per Barlow Library Cardholder. Please take a variety of vegetable seeds!



Growing Community One Seed at a Time!



The Barlow Seed Library will be making available a large variety of seeds. You can check out our “little packets of potential” such as:

Beans, Beets, Broccoli, Cauliflower,
Corn, Cabbage, Cucumber,
Eggplant, Herb, Kale, Lettuce,
Leeks, Melons, Onion, Pea, Pepper,
Radish, Soy, Squash, Sunflower,
Swiss Chard, Spinach, Tomatillo,
Tomato, Turnip,
Watermelon, and Zucchini

*My mind is a garden.
My thoughts are the
seeds. My harvest will be
flowers or weeds.*
Mel Weldon

Our hope is that you will enjoy gardening and picking the fruits of your hard labor.

At harvest time, please take some extra steps to save seeds for others. We'd like you to return, to the library, a portion of the seeds you have saved.

The more seeds in the library, the more members of our community who can experience the pleasures of growing their own food from local seeds.

