

*Our seeds are free and yet they are priceless. The more seeds in the seed library, the more our community can experience the pleasures of growing their own food!*

#### THANKS TO:

- The Friends of the Library for their support of all library programs
- The Master Gardener Volunteers of Haywood County as they continue to work at the Giving Garden in Canton, teach educational programs, and help fund the Seed Library through grants
- All the Seed Library participants that return seeds at the end of growing season.

#### Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday: 9:00 - 1:00



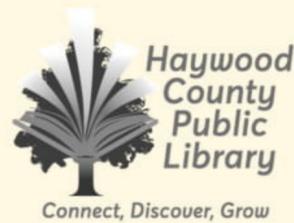
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## THE SEED LIBRARY OF WAYNESVILLE

SOWING SEEDS &  
PRESERVING HERITAGE

A program of the Haywood  
County Public Library:

678 S. Haywood St.  
Waynesville, NC 28786

## OUR MISSION

- Increase the quantity and quality of wholesome food in Haywood County
- Create a culture of sharing through education about seed saving and gardening
- Preserve our local plant diversity

## Why Save Seeds?

Humans have been saving seeds for over 12,000 years. However, in our culture much of that knowledge has been lost over the last hundred years along with significant biodiversity. When you grow your own plants and save seeds you will help develop seed stock that is well suited to our mountain climate, save money, and help offset our growing dependence on agro-business.

## New to seed saving?

Start with the seeds that are labeled SUPER EASY or EASY. These vegetables offer the beginning seed saver the best chance for successful seed saving. They produce more seed the same season as planted and are mostly self-pollinating, minimizing the need to be mindful of preventing cross-pollination.

- **Easy Options: Beans, peas, tomatoes**

*\*Seeds labeled Easy and Advanced require some special planning to preserve varietal purity. You can plan on saving these after you have learned about isolating plants to prevent cross-pollination.*

## How is the Seed Library Organized?

The seeds are organized by level of difficulty of seed saving:

Super Easy (Green)

Easy (Yellow)

Advanced (Red)

Then they are broken down by the plant name (alphabetically) and then the variety.

*(ex. Bean-Half Runner)*

## Learn More:

- Attend the Septemberfest at the Old Armory every September. Celebrate the harvest, community gardening, and preservation. For more info. call 828-246-4485.
- Visit your local farmer's markets and talk to your farmers!
- Visit the **Organic Grower's School** website ([organicgrowersschool.org](http://organicgrowersschool.org)). They have a great seed exchange every year in March.
- Attend **Plott Fest** in Maggie Valley in June. They have a seed exchange program every year ([plottfest.org](http://plottfest.org)).
- Visit **Buy Haywood's** website and blog at [buyhaywood.com](http://buyhaywood.com). Buy Haywood supports local farms and locally grown products. At their website you will find an agritourism guide, what's in season, u-pick farm info, and much more!

## HOW TO BORROW SEEDS:

You will need a Cardinal Library card to check out seeds. Choose the seeds you would like to take and fill out the self check out form.

## HOW TO RETURN SEEDS:

1 In order to return seeds to the library, you must understand which plants cross-pollinate and also understand proper cleaning and saving procedures. If you have questions or need help, please ask! We also offer a helpful brochure on seed-saving procedures.

2 Once you have collected seed, set aside some for yourself and some for the library in old glass jars, recycled envelopes, or envelopes provided by the Seed Lending Library.

3 Bring your labeled seeds to the library and give them to any staff member at the circulation desk. Please don't forget to include your contact information in the event we have questions about your seeds.