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Time to Grow? Fruit and Vegetable Seeds Available at San Diego Public Libraries OPEN CITY LIBRARIES OFFERING FREE SEEDS TO HELP CREATE THE PERFECT SUMMER GARDEN

SAN DIEGO – Spring in San Diego is a great time to start a garden and the San Diego Public Library (SDPL) can help. Through a generous donation from <u>Vlada's Seeds of Life</u> and <u>Ahern Seeds</u>, SDPL is now offering free seed packets that will allow residents to grow fresh fruits and vegetables for their tables.

The seeds are available at all SDPL locations open for in-person and contactless pickup <u>services</u>. Every library location has several different types of seed packets including varieties of melon, carrot and squash. Each packet also includes information on the best way to start the seeds and grow healthy plants. One package of each seed type is available per person, per visit. The seeds are available while supplies last.

In addition to the free seeds, SDPL also has four <u>seed libraries</u> where patrons can borrow seeds for use and return what they grow. Residents can also visit the SDPL <u>webpage</u> to check out gardening-related books and find workshops on gardening and composting. The City of San Diego's Urban Farming <u>page</u> has additional resources for growing and harvesting food.

About the San Diego Public Library

With a vision of being the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration, the San Diego Public Library is a hub for knowledge and lifelong learning. As the largest library system in the region, it serves a population of more than 1.4 million people. Learn about events at the San Diego Central Library @ Joan A Irwin Jacobs Common and 35 community branch libraries, find links to programs and resources or search for materials in the online catalog at www.sandiegolibrary.org.