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How Does Your Garden Grow? With Seeds from the San Diego Public Library

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY WITH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SEEDS AVAILABLE AT CITY OF SAN DIEGO LIBRARY LOCATIONS

SAN DIEGO – Growing your own food is a great way to create a more sustainable and healthier lifestyle and the City of San Diego Public Library (SDPL) can help. The library is now offering <u>free seed packets</u> that will allow residents to grow fresh food for themselves and others.

The seed packets are available at all SDPL locations offering <u>services</u>. Every library location offers several types of seeds including varieties of carrots, melons and herbs. Three packets of seeds are available per person, per library visit, while supplies last. The free seeds were made possible through a generous donation from <u>Vlada's Seeds of Life</u> and the <u>Ahern Seed Company</u>.

"The free seed program was a big success in 2021 and we're happy to be able to do it for a second year," said Library Director Misty Jones. "The program is a great way for residents to connect with their library, nature and people in their communities."

SDPL encourages patrons to check out gardening-related books and find workshops on gardening and composting by visiting an SDPL location or the library's <u>webpage</u>. 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. The City of San Diego's Urban Farming <u>webpage</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 <u>www.sandiegolibrary.org</u>.