



## Want to Donate?



As an independently-funded project, your financial support will go directly towards funding programs, supplies and educational materials needed for the Seed Library! Your support will also ensure the long-term sustainability of this wonderful community project. We are now accepting cash and checks donations. Checks can be made out to:

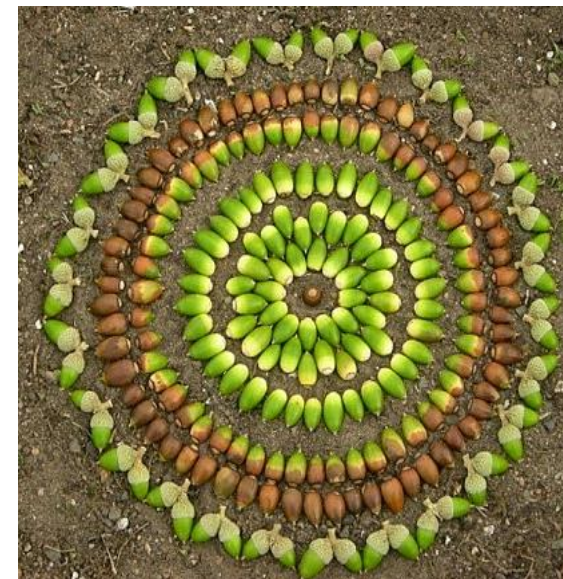
### “OB Friends SDPL”

Please place “Seed Library” in the Memo portion. We appreciate your continued support of this project! For any questions, please contact Matt Beatty ([mbeatty@sandiego.gov](mailto:mbeatty@sandiego.gov)) or Destiny Rivera ([drivera@sandiego.gov](mailto:drivera@sandiego.gov)).



### THE OCEAN BEACH SEED LIBRARY

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“Let’s Grow Together”

Project by the Ocean Beach  
Branch Library

## Outreach

Farmers’ Markets are one way to reach out to the community and align the library’s goals with those of the community. A Pop-Up Seed Library that can be easily housed in a briefcase is a great way to transport the mission of both seed and public libraries. Curated book collections can be taken along as well- thus, bringing the (seed) library to the people!

## Partners

By partnering with local organizations and businesses, we promote community development. Partners include:

- UCCE Master Gardener Association of San Diego County
- Ocean Beach Elementary
- Ocean Beach Recreation Center
- Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market
- Cabrillo Community Garden
- Wild Willow Garden & Education Center and The Mongol Tribe



## Core Values

A seed library preserves agricultural biodiversity by focusing on rare, local, and heirloom seed varieties. By stocking our seed library with non-GMO, organic, open-pollinated and heirloom seeds, we reflect community values and promote health and wellness.

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*“If you have a Garden and a Library, you have everything you need”- Cicero*

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## What is a Seed Library?

A seed library is an establishment which lends or shares seeds. Similar to checking out books, patrons are able to check out seeds for personal use. A seed library is an educational tool often equipped with robust programming, workshops and community events. Seed libraries allow access to health and education for all. **How It Works**

- 1) Take a Seed.
- 2) Grow a Seed.
- 3) Return a Seed.

## Seed Library Programming

In addition to being able to check out seeds, patrons will have access to a wide variety of programs and workshops with topics such as:

- seed saving/seed swaps
- composting/ soil workshops
- vegetable and small space gardening
- canning & preserving
- harvest exchanges/recipe shares/
- cooking classes
- food literacy/nutrition
- urban farming/gardening
- food sovereignty and sustainability



These programs can come in the form of lectures, book talks, guest speakers, or interactive workshops. Programs can be both at the library or elsewhere in the community.

## Community Impact

By initiating a Seed Library, we reflect community interests and values and engage our community. There are many ways Seed Libraries can positively impact our community:

- builds community connections
- appeals to new demographic
- nature-based learning
- promotes health and wellness
- supports local biodiversity
- encourages community partnerships and supports local businesses