Seed Library How-To

Getting Started

- Host a Gardening or Seed Saving Event to gauge potential interest for seed library. Build your audience.
- Connect with local environmental organizations and community groups for support and collaborations. These partnerships foster community building in your neighborhood and organization.
- Request seed donations from seed companies, community gardens, and local nurseries.
- Order envelopes and labels.
- Secure card catalog or other seed storing unit. Designate place for Seed Library in your facility.
- Hold a Community Conversation to gather feedback from the community.
- Host a Launch Party.

Resources for Seed Library Setup

Public Libraries Online: Simple Steps to Starting a Seed Library
Richmond Grows: Starting a Seed Library
Mother Earth News: Starting a Seed Library
Pima County Public Library: Welcome to the Seed Library

Seed Donations

We received the bulk of our seed collection from Community Seed Grants. Most major seed companies have a Seed Donation program that supports community projects such as these. You might have luck with San Diego Seed Company, community gardens, and/or local nurseries in your area. Below is a list of our generous donors:

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
Native Seeds/SEARCH
Seed Savers Exchange
Wild Willow Farm