

Saving & Sharing Seeds

A commitment to growing plants from seeds is a gift to yourself and your family. We hope you learn, experience the joy of gardening, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The mission of the Yankton Seed Library is to increase our ability to feed ourselves wholesome food while enriching our natural surroundings by offering free local fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds raised by and for Yankton area residents; and by providing complimentary information, instruction, and education about gardening.



The seeds you borrow from the Yankton Seed Library are given to you at no financial cost, and they are priceless.

Located in the Yankton Community Library
Like us on Facebook at Yankton Seed Library!

SEED LIBRARY FAQ'S

Seed saving is something humans have done for over 10,000 years.

When you grow and save your own seed, you develop seed stock that is well suited to our climate and you save money.

What is the Yankton Seed Library offering?

A variety of flower, vegetable and fruit seeds.

Who can borrow seeds?

Anyone that participates in the Yankton Seed Library's gardening classes can borrow seeds from the seed library.

When is the Seed Library open?

The seed library is open during seed library classes.

What do you mean "borrow" seeds?

How can I do that if I plant them?

Plant the seeds. Then, at the end of the season, if you feel comfortable, you can return seed from the next generation of plants. You can learn how by taking one of the library's free classes. We also have step-by-step instructions in our Save and Share brochure. Don't worry... there are no fines if you don't save seeds.

Do I have to return seeds to participate?

No, but bringing seeds helps to keep the library stocked.

Who runs the Yankton Seed Library?

The Yankton Seed Library is a volunteer organization run by local non-profit organizations and the Yankton Community Library.



2020 CLASSES AND EVENTS

Back to Our Roots



SEED LIBRARY CLASSES

All classes take place at the
Yankton Community Library
515 Walnut Street

January 14

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Heirloom Planting with Wayne Nelson-Stastny

- Why use heirloom plants?
- Making a garden layout
- Selecting plants with seed saving in mind

February 11

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Avoiding Garden Mistakes

- Plant for your location
- Prep your environment
- Know your plants

March 10

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Time to Start

- Milk jug starters
- Seed Starting pots
- Start early or direct sow?



April 14

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Container Gardens from the Pros

- Yankton Nurseries - Vegetable garden in a pot (both sessions)
- Diane's Greenhouse - hanging baskets (afternoon session)
- Sheila's Country Gardens - flower pots (evening session)



May 12

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Unwanted guests

- Pests...both large and small
- Weeds
- Diseases

June 9

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Year-Round Gardening with Cindy Nelsen

- Fall planting
- Plant propagation
- Winter gardening in South Dakota



July 14

1 pm or 6:30 pm

"Transition From College to Prison & Back to College" with Joe Hoffman

- The idea
- How to do it
- The result

August 11

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Making the Most of Your Garden Harvest

- Donation
- Preservation
- DIY Spa



September 8

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Seed Saving with Jenn Ripp from Seed Savers Exchange

- Why is seed saving important?
Sustainability starts at the seed level. Be empowered with the tools to save your own seeds.
- Saving seeds by species and pollination type
Receive the resources to figure it all out
- Crop genetic diversity and why it's important

October 13

1 pm or 6:30 pm

Putting the Garden to Bed

- Perennials
- Soil Preservation
- "The Grass Will Always Win"



Indicates this class will either be hands-on or contain a demonstration.