

Harrison Township Public Library's Seed Library Policy & Guidelines

Statement of Purpose

The Harrison Township Public Library's Seed Library exists to provide free access to food production and gardening seeds for the betterment and beautification of Harrison Township. A seed library is a collection of harvested and donated seeds from the community. Individuals are able to check out seeds from the library, grow the plants, and then harvest seeds at the end of the growing period to return to the library. By providing this service to the community, the Harrison Township Public Library hopes to relieve the healthy food deficit common in the United States by reducing the financial barrier. The seed library provides individuals with the resources needed to improve their gardens, grow healthy food, nurture a lifelong love of nature, and attract pollinators to the township.

Seed Library Policy

Self - Checkout Procedure

1. Choose up to 3 packets a day and up to 15 packets a season taking only what you need.
2. Sign your name, email, and seeds chosen in the Checkout Notebook located on top of the Seed Library.
3. Plant and grow the seeds. Enjoy!
4. Harvest the seeds and return as many or more than borrowed in a sealed and labeled envelope with your name, email, and name of seeds checked back in.

Financial Gain

At no point will Harrison Township Public Library sell or offer seeds as prizes for fundraising events. Individuals who borrow from the Seed Library must agree not to sell the seeds to a third party buyer. However, any plants from the seeds may be sold within the community.

Seed Library Donation Guidelines

Donation Protocol

When donating to the Seed Library, the best method is providing seeds in the packet from the store, which includes name and growing instructions. If that is not available, or the seeds are harvested from existing plants, please take the following steps:

1. Put seeds in a sealed and labeled container, preferably an envelope.

2. The label should include: The name of the seed species, including important designations (ex. Sweet Basil, Lemon Basil, or Thai Sweet Basil).
3. Name and contact information in case there are questions about the nature of the seed donated.

Donation Guidelines

The Library will not accept seeds from plants on the Michigan Invasive Species List (<https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/plants>), or seeds from plants used for the production of controlled or illegal substances.

Please do not donate hybrids to the Seed Library, as many of these plants do not naturally produce their own seeds, making seed return exceptionally difficult.