

UPCOMING GARDENING CLASSES



Seed Starting

Monday, April 12

7:30-8:30 pm

Online via Zoom

Join us as Master Gardener Paul Stoffels from the U of I Extension program shows us how to get started!

Creativity in the Garden

Tuesday, April 27 · 7 pm

Online via Zoom

The garden is the perfect place to show creativity. Be courageous in your garden decisions, think outside of the big box store, and make your garden uniquely yours. Sponsored by the Villa Park Garden Club.



Vegetable Container Gardening

Monday, May 3 · 7-8 pm

Online via Zoom

Join us for tips and tricks!

Presented by Master Gardener Pat Kosmach from the U of I Extension program.

How to Care for Raised Beds

Tuesday, May 25 · 7pm

Online via Zoom

The GardenWorks Project will share how to care for raised beds, as well as information on their garden programs. Sponsored by the Villa Park Garden Club.



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What is a Seed Library?

A seed library is exactly what its name implies: a place where gardeners of all experience levels can check out seeds to grow.

The goal of our newly created seed library is to offer our community the ability to learn more about vegetable and other plants, gardening, the importance of preserving genetic diversity, harvesting food produced locally, and encourages direct action within our community.



Why a Seed Library?

More people have become interested in eating healthy, locally grown food, and as a result, developed an interest in home gardening.

The seeds at Villa Park Public Library are from Seed Savers Exchange, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and sharing heirloom seeds that are non-GMO and organic (grown pesticide free). These seeds are a legacy from gardens past, are better for the environment, and are suited for our Midwestern climate. Heirloom seeds are grown for taste, not for appearance or for ease of shipment. As a result, the food grown from these seeds means that better taste equals a greater consumption of healthy products.

A benefit of the seed library is that because these seeds are free, gardening is more affordable to those with limited income.

How do I check out Seed packets?

Visit the Seed Library in our refurbished green card catalog on the second floor of the library. Select up to five seed packets. Seed packets are available to Villa Park cardholders only.

Bring them to either Service Desk to have a staff member check out the packets to you.

Take your seeds home and plant them! Share pictures of your seeds as they grow with the library on our social media accounts. It's as easy as that! The basic idea is that you plant the seeds, wait for your crop(s) to come in, harvest seeds and then return some of these next generation seeds for others to borrow. The best part is there are no late fees or due dates to worry about!

Use the following resources to help grow your seeds, or attend one of our gardening classes!

Visit our online catalog for books at:
www.vppl.info

Ask a Librarian for assistance in locating gardening and seed saving books in our collection.

Reach out to the Garden Club of Villa Park at:
<http://www.homegardening.org/>

Visit the following online resources:
<https://www.seedsavers.org/learn>

nativeseeds.org/index.php/resources/seedsaving

<https://www.seedambassadors.org/seed-saving-guide-4th-edition/>

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/veggies/>