

Orange Seed Lending Library FACT SHEET



Orange Home Grown (OHG) Foundation and the City of Orange Orange Public Library Foundation (OPLF) are excited to collaborate on the first Seed Lending Library for the City of Orange.

The mission of the Seed Lending Library is to nurture a community of backyard farmers and seed savers in and around the City of Orange.

- A SEED LIBRARY is a depository of seeds held in trust for the community at large.
- Community members are invited to come to the library or farmer's market and "borrow" seeds for their garden. After growing the plants in their garden and at the end of the season, they let a few plants 'go to seed.'
- From those plants, they collect seeds and return the same amount of seed (or more) as they borrowed (if they so choose) at the beginning of the growing season to help keep the Seed Lending Library well stocked.
- Seeds are free to the community.

The Orange Seed Lending Library is a free seed lending program committed to increasing our ability to feed ourselves wholesome food by offering free seeds and education. Through the time-honored tradition of seed saving we celebrate biodiversity, nurture locally adapted plant varieties, and foster community resilience, self-reliance and a culture of sharing.

- Seeds can be returned to the farmer's market information booth on Saturdays, or to one of the Seed Lending Library locations (*shown below*).
- Volunteers take the returned seeds and repackage them into specific envelopes and manually add the information you provide to us on the outside of the envelope (*so please be sure to share as much information as you can from the seeds you save*).

The Orange Seed Lending Library operates on the honor system. We encourage all members to learn basic seed-saving techniques. We suggest beginning seed savers grow out and return seeds from peppers, tomato, bean, squash, or pea plants. If you are unable to save your own seeds, please consider donating a packet or two of commercially grown, open-pollinated (organic, non-GMO) seeds to keep our seed libraries stocked.

Orange Seed Lending Library Location(s)

Orange Public Library & History Center 2nd Floor

407 East Chapman Ave. Orange, CA 92866

El Modena Branch Library

380 S Hewes St, Orange, CA 92869

The Seed Lending Library is self serve and is available during regular library business hours.

Orange Home Grown Farmers & Artisans Market- 3rd Saturday of every month

303 W. Palm Ave. Orange CA 92866

Orange Seed Lending Library Resource List



Planting Guides for Southern California

https://www.smc.edu/community/sustainability/documents/Seasonal%20plants_planting%20schedule.pdf

<https://sandiegoseedcompany.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Planting-Chart.pdf>

Sources for Seed Saving

<http://seedalliance.org/publication/seed-saving-guide-gardeners-farmers/seedsavers.org>

howtosaveseeds.com

<http://www.backyardgardener.com/tm.html>

<http://www.richmondgrowsseeds.org/seed-saving.html>

Gardening Information

<https://mgorange.ucanr.edu/>

<https://www.cnps.org/gardening>

The Orange Seed lending Library is managed in partnership by Orange Home Grown Foundation (OHG) and the Orange Public Library Foundation (OPLF)

<https://orangehomegrown.org> + <https://www.oplffoundation.org>

“Seed is not just the source of life. It is the very foundation of our being.”

Vandana Shiva