

# How to use the Seed Library

## What is the Seed Library?

The seed library is a collection of seeds available for the public to plant and grow in their home gardens. Ideally a couple of plants grown from the seeds will be allowed to 'go to seed' and seeds from these plants donated back to Cairns Libraries.

## How does the Seed Library benefit me?

Gardening can contribute to enriching lifestyle with many health benefits. You save the cost of purchasing commercial seeds and save money by growing your own food plants at home. Home gardening is environmentally friendly - potentially lowering food miles and decreasing pesticide use.

## How do I access the Seed Library?

The Seed Library collection is held at 4 of the Cairns Library branches: Smithfield, Stratford, Manunda and Gordonvale.

## What types of seeds are there in the Seed Library?

The Cairns Library collection of seeds includes: Basil, Beans, Capsicum, Cucumber, Parsley, Pea, Rocket, Tomato, Spinach and Sunflower.

## What if the seeds I plant don't grow?

The main thing is that you tried! There is no penalty for not returning seeds and you are welcome to take another packet and try again.

## How do I get help growing and saving my seeds?

The Cairns Libraries collection features gardening books, magazines and DVDs and other items available for loan. Search our online catalogue <http://lib.cairnslibrary.com.au/libero/WebopacOpenURL.cls> : Vegetable Gardening. Cairns Libraries can also provide you with community contacts as listed on the following page

## Community Contacts

### Want to join Cairns Seedsavers?

<http://seedsavers.net/localseednetworks/local-seed-network-list/cairns-seedsavers/>

### Want to find a Community Garden?

<https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/sustainability/community/community-gardens>

## Need further information?

Contact your local Cairns Libraries branch,  
or Contact Us on [www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library](http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library)

**Want to join a volunteer network?**

Friends of Cairns Libraries:

<http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library/community/services/friends-of-libraries>

Volunteer at the Botanical Gardens: <https://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/facilities-sport-leisure/botanic/volunteer>

Green Space Our Place Volunteers: <http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/community-environment/green-space-our-place>

**Other resources**

Search our online catalogue <http://lib.cairnslibrary.com.au/libero/WebopacOpenURL.cls> for gardening resources.

Use RBDigital to read gardening magazines online. See the emagazines <http://www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library/eLibrary/emagazines> on the Cairns Libraries website for further information.

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