

RAINY RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY		
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This policy governs the RRPL Seed Library Program.

1. The Rainy River Seed Library is a free community seed initiative that encourages local families to grow healthy food. Members plant, grow, and harvest plants while letting a few plants mature and return to seed. These new seeds are then returned to the library for the next growing season's collection. By returning seeds from successful plants, local gardeners help sustain the library's collection, as well as help cultivate seeds that are especially suited to Rainy River's growing conditions.
2. Any Library member with an account in good standing is eligible to join the program beginning on the 1st of April each year.
3. The Library will provide pre-packaged seeds from vegetable, fruit and herb varieties suitable for Growing Zone 3. Species selection will be at the CEO's discretion and is subject to budget resources available.
4. Members may borrow up to eight packages of seeds per year (maximum of one package per plant variety). This transaction will be recorded in the Integrated Library System (ILS).
5. Participants are encouraged (but are not required) to return seeds to the Library at the end of the growing season. Pre-labelled storage envelopes will be provided for this purpose. Staff will perform a checkin transaction in the ILS to receive these seeds.
6. The Library Board makes no undertaking as to the quality or quantity of produce that may be grown from the Seed Library packages.
7. The Library will connect participants to relevant resources on planting, gardening and seed preservation in the Library collection. Library staff are not obliged to provide advice individually.
8. The CEO will report usage statistics on Seed Library participation and usage to the Board annually.