

# Seed Library 2025 HIGHLIGHTS



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## Seed Library Flourishes in 2025!

The Seed Library had another year of growth in 2025, with more seeds shared throughout the community! Gardeners were delighted with the variety on offer.

A huge thank you goes to **West Coast Seeds**, **Ritchie Feed & Seed**, and the **Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library** for their generous support, along with all the local growers who contributed. These donations keep the Seed Library thriving. Fundraising and monetary gifts also helped us purchase popular but hard-to-harvest seeds—like carrots, basil, and wildflowers.

The Seed Library ran from late February through September, with March and April as our busiest months. Vegetables remained the top choice, but flowers and herbs are also popular. Users consistently tell us how much they love the variety—and that they are free.

The Seed Library also hosted our very popular annual **Seedy Saturday** event on April 12, with approximately 150 people dropping by. In addition to the seed and seedling exchange, this event included talks on gardening topics by well-known gardening expert Diana Beresford-Kroeger, Mat Levinson (Slow Roots Farm), and Mélanie Ouellette (Ottawa Wildflower Seed Library). Seedy Saturday raised \$280 to purchase new supplies for the 2026 season.

### Popular in 2025

- Beans
- Carrots
- Lettuce
- Peas
- Tomatoes
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Beets
- Peppers
- Kale
- Herbs: Basil, Dill, Cilantro
- Flowers: Sunflowers, Wildflowers (pollinator & hummingbird mix), Nasturtiums, Marigolds, & Cosmos

### Helping the Food Cupboard

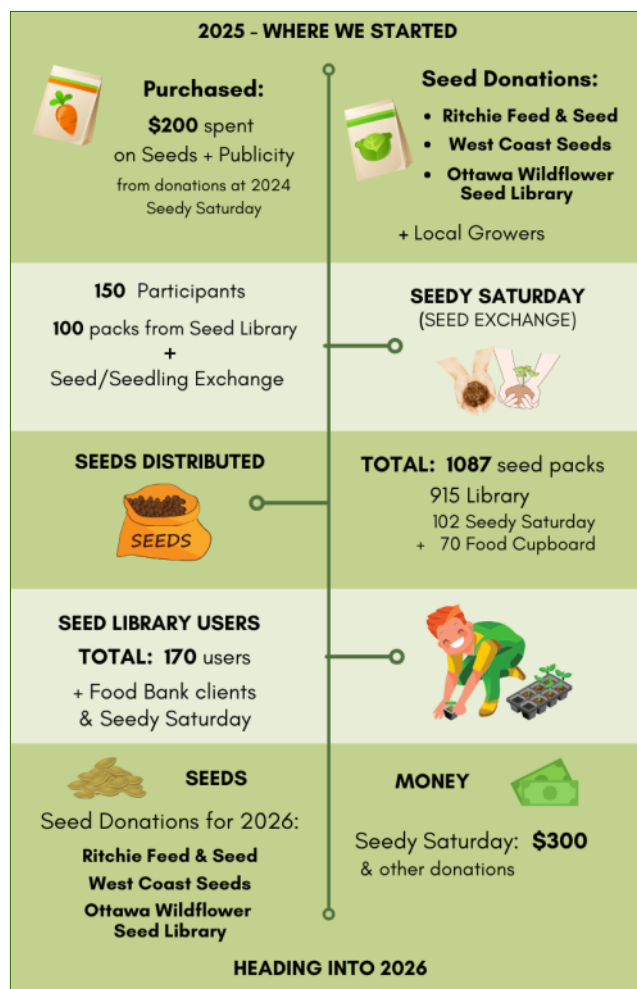
The Seed Library distributes vegetable and herb seeds through the Merrickville & District Health Centre's food bank.

In 2025, **70** seed packs were shared.

"Seedy Saturday" seed exchange



Speaker Diana Beresford-Kroeger draws a crowd



The Seed Library is a joint project of Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford and Merrickville Library. We are delighted that the Seed Library has become a valued community service.