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A SEED LIBRARY IS GROWING AT CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A seed library is a place where community members can get seeds for free, share seeds from their own gardens and is run for the public benefit. Locally-raised seeds are more resilient and better adapted to our soil and microclimate. The seed library is a way for hobby and beginner gardeners to share seeds and other gardening resources, and to connect with other seed savers.

In the spring of 2018, Caledon Public Library plans to launch a seed library where packets of seeds of all varieties can be signed out. Unlike books and other traditional library items, the seeds do not have a due-date, but borrowers will be encouraged next fall to attend seed saving workshops and to return the seeds for their next lifecycle.

Beginning this fall CPL is collecting, organizing and storing the seeds. Members of the community are encouraged to drop off seeds at any branch. This past week we invited seed saving expert, Barb Imrie and local Bolton resident, Victoria Edwards who has recently launched the *Bolton Seed Saving Network* to demonstrate some seed saving techniques to an enthusiastic group of green thumbs. The *Bolton District Horticultural Society* has also generously donated an abundance of seeds as our seed library begins to sprout.

CPL hopes to strengthen our partnerships with community gardeners, to steward Caledon's biodiversity and promote the growth of local food and flora. Seed saving is something humans have done for over 10,000 years. Caledon Public Library encourages all to rejoin the ritual and start to save seeds and share the abundance of our community.

About Caledon Public Library

Caledon Public Library is a vital service and vibrant community space. Caledon Public Library is a hub for discovery, innovation and inspiration. We nurture connections, collaboration and creativity.

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