

### ***Fulfilling Our Mission***

We hope to fulfill our mission by:

1. Establishing and maintaining the seed lending library as a depository of seeds held in trust and made freely available to all members of the High Prairie community.
2. Providing information, instruction, and education, with our community partnerships, about sustainable organic gardening.

### **Welcome to the world of saving and sharing seeds!**

The seeds you borrow from our library are lent to you at no financial cost, yet they are priceless!

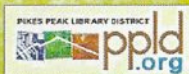
- \* A commitment to growing plants from seed is a gift to yourself and your loved ones.
- \* Our hope is for you to learn much, experience the joys of gardening, and enjoy the fruits of your labor.

### **High Prairie Seed Library Established 2015**

Educational events take place Winter through Early Spring and again Late Summer through Harvest so check out our calendar online or come by and visit. We are excited to offer the community this awesome new addition to our collection and life long learning experiences.

**Located in the  
High Prairie Library  
7035 Old Meridian Road  
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<http://ppld.org/high-prairie-library>



### **HIGH PRAIRIE SEED LIBRARY**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our mission is to help nurture and grow a thriving community of gardeners, from beginners to expert, through the process of growing, harvesting and seed saving conducive to our local growing conditions.

## Why Save Seeds?

Seeds have captured the imagination of people since they started saying "Once upon a time". Be it folktales about Jack in the Beanstalk or parables about mustard seeds, seeds captured the wonder of new beginnings and the cycle of life.

The practice of saving seeds has been around more than 12,000 years. However, in our culture, much seed-saving knowledge, along with significant biodiversity, has been lost over the last hundred years. Today, a return to seed saving will help us to develop stronger seeds that are better adapted to our unique micro-climates and altitude.

Because seed saving is part of our heritage and traditions, it is one way to build community, share knowledge and save money too! Here is a chance to build on this legacy and write your own adventure story when you grow your own delicious food and save your own seeds!

## New to Gardening and Seed Saving?

No matter if you are a seasoned grower or a new sprout to gardening and seed saving, no worries, we will be offering classes and bushels of information that will help germinate a new interest or propagate an old interest in gardening.

### How it Works

The High Prairie Seed Library will be making available a large variety of seeds where you can then check out our "little packets of potential" and grow as you learn.

To save seed start with those labeled "very easy". By starting with the "very easy" group of plants you will be able to learn and succeed at the basics of gardening and seed saving while sharing and having fun.

Grow your garden, attend classes, check out books, meet other gardeners, ask a mentor, and when you feel confident in your new gardening and seed-saving knowledge, move on to growing and saving

Plants in the "very easy" family are mostly self-pollinating and seeds are reliably the same as the parent plant. Plants in the "easy" and "advanced" families are self-sterile, cross-pollinating or outbreeding. They will cross with other seeds if certain steps are not taken when growing and saving seed.

You may check out any level of seed for your learning and growing pleasure. Try new varieties and explore new tastes.



At harvest time, take these learned steps to save seed from the most robust of your harvest. Then consider sharing with others in our community by donating a portion of your seed to the High Prairie Seed Library. This will help to keep the library self-sustaining.

The more seed we have in our library, the greater number of people in our community who will be able to experience the joys of growing and eating their own food.

**Growing more than active minds, we're growing community one seed at a time**

*"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need."*

Marcus Tullius Cicero