

## SEED LIBRARIES

Seed libraries were officially launched in May 2023 featuring high quality, organic local, and/or regionally adapted seeds from the San Diego Seed Company.



## BIGGEST CHALLENGES

- Finding viable furniture options to support varying needs of host branches.
- Procurement process delays set back seed library installation by 4 months.
- Eager community response!

"Thank you for having those out. I've been wanting lettuce seeds for my lettuce box and I found black tomato seeds, my favorite! I appreciate you and how our library conducts business!"

JULIAN LIBRARY CUSTOMER



JULIAN BRANCH



VISTA BRANCH

"Look, this is kale. I can grow it at home and eat it forever."

VISTA LIBRARY CUSTOMER



ALPINE BRANCH



FALLBROOK BRANCH



LA MESA BRANCH

## LAUNCH AT LAST!!



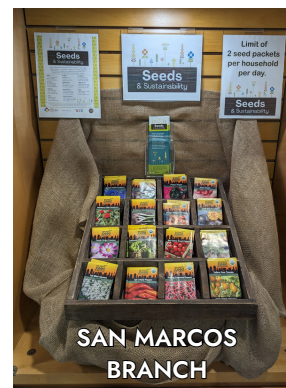
EL CAJON BRANCH



RANCHO SANTA FE BRANCH

"A seed library? How wonderful! You guys do some really cool things!"

LA MESA LIBRARY CUSTOMER



SAN MARCOS BRANCH



LINCOLN ACRES BRANCH



VALLEY CENTER BRANCH



LEMON GROVE BRANCH



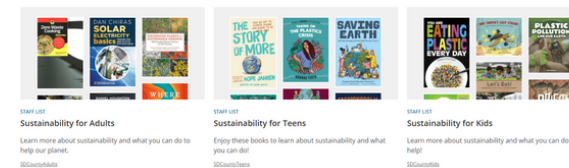
## Seeds & Sustainability

Using funding from the Sustainable California Libraries Grant, Seeds & Sustainability brings Seed Library installations, all ages programming, and a themed print and digital collection to communities in need throughout San Diego County to encourage gardening, composting, and greater knowledge of environmental justice. The goal of the Seeds & Sustainability Project is to provide customers with the resources and information they need to move toward having a positive impact on the environment through gardening and composting.

## PROJECT OUTCOME GOALS

- Install 11 Seed Libraries
- Host 33 programs (3 per branch)
- Distribute 2,750 packets of seeds (250 per branch)
- Order and circulate 500 digital and print books to support learning program topics
- Develop 3 booklists (one for each age group)

### RECOMMENDED BOOKS



### Host Branches:

Alpine, El Cajon, Fallbrook, Julian, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Lincoln Acres, Rancho Santa Fe, San Marcos, Valley Center, and Vista

## PROJECT AT A GLANCE



6255 total packets of seeds purchased

124 ebooks and digital audiobooks purchased



330 books purchased

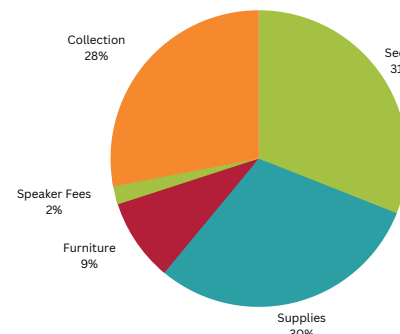
Print circulations  
March-May

164

Digital circulations  
March-May



BUDGET  
GRANT AWARD: \$30,000



61

Total programs hosted  
February-May

28 Adult programs  
Avg attendance 14



19 Teen programs  
Avg attendance 13

14 Kids programs  
Avg attendance 39



## PROGRAMMING

61 total programs were hosted January - May 2023.



### ADULTS

#### Lemon Grove / Seed Starting Workshop

Tue. Mar. 7 | 5:30 pm

Presentation and demonstration of how to start seeds, what seeds are and what they need. We will use peat pots, soil, and seeds to start garden plants which participants can take home and transplant to their gardens.

#### El Cajon / Master Gardener: Vegetable Garden Starter

Tue. Mar. 21, 28, Apr. 4, 11 | 3:00 pm

Master Gardener Marsha Cook will host four 2-hour sessions for Beginning Vegetable Gardening, to cover all of the basics for beginning vegetable gardening.

#### San Marcos / DIY Craft: Broken Pot Gardenscapes

Wed. Apr. 5 | 1:00 pm

What is broken is not trash! Make a lil garden in a broken lil pot and make it something new again. Have broken pots at home? Feel free to bring them in.

### TEENS

#### Valley Center / Plant a Mammoth Sunflower

Thu. Mar. 9 | 3:00 pm

Staff will teach Tweens/Teens how to plant Mammoth Sunflower in a terracotta pot.

#### La Mesa / Tote Bag Craft

Tue. Mar. 14 | 3:00 pm

Design and decorate a reusable tote bag with fabric markers and paints.

#### Julian / Paint and Plant for Teens

Wed. Apr. 26 | 2:00 pm

Paint your own terracotta pots, and place seeds in the starter pods, and watch them grow! All materials provided.



### KIDS

#### Fallbrook / I Love a Clean San Diego: Reuse

Wed. Feb. 15 | 2:00 pm

Learn about the health of our environment, the impact of littering in San Diego, and how you can reduce, reuse, and recycle your waste. Kids will create their own items with repurposed material to make less trash!

#### La Mesa / Paint Your Own DIY Flowerpot

Thu. Mar. 30 | 10:30 am

Spring is just around the corner! Come join us for a free event when you can decorate a flower pot to take home. Sign up and parental supervision is required. While supplies last.

#### El Cajon / Plant Storytime

Thu. Apr. 6 | 10:30 am

Sunflower Craft after storytime- each child will create their own sunflower and we will display in a "craft garden" in the children's area.

#### Rancho Santa Fe / Start Your Own Garden

Tue. Apr. 18 | 2:00 pm

Elementary aged kids will learn some basics around planting and gardening, and decorate a pot to take home and plant seeds!

