



Heart+Soil Seed Library at Café Appalachia



What is a Seed Library?

A seed library is an institution that facilitates the sharing of seeds within a community and encourages putting the “power of seed” back into the hands of people. It works much the same as a traditional library, but with seeds instead of books. People ‘check out’ free seeds, grow them, maybe let some plants go to seed, then save some of those seeds to plant next year or share with other gardeners.

Grand Opening March 26th 2022 at 9:45am
in front of Heart+Hand at 212 D Street in South Charleston

Our Goals

We are committed to encouraging our community to participate in the centuries-long traditions of gardening and seed saving. Our goals are to help people become successful gardeners and seed savers, increase our sustainability and capacity to grow wholesome food, and foster a culture of sharing.

Our History

Caryle Snyder, Master Gardener and longterm Heart+Hand Volunteer, came up with the concept of a Seed Library in 2022 after discovering that we have no seed libraries in our area- what better way to contribute to our community than by reconnecting people to the centuries-long traditions of gardening and seed saving?!

Seed Sourcing

Our seeds come from several sources. Seeds are packaged and prepared by volunteers for distribution through the seed sharing program and placed in the seed library card catalog at Café Appalachia. Eventually, we hope that all the seeds in our library come from community members, like you!

Gardening Classes

Gardening Classes are offered at Heart+Hand in the Community Room every other Saturday by Dan Brammer from Café Appalachia. We have potted ferns and learned how to grow seedlings! Join us to learn something new or expand your gardening knowledge. Call or email us for details!

