



The Community Consolidated School District 46 Seed Library

Looking for an opportunity to plant seeds this Spring?

Visit The Seed Library at Grayslake Middle School (GMS) to obtain free individual packs of vegetable, herb or flower seeds. You can also find Three Sisters Companion Garden Packs that include a combination of vegetable, herb, and flower seeds that can be planted together. (*Seeds available while supplies last.*)

Worried you don't have a green thumb? Instructions are provided for growing the seeds along with handouts for three-garden related activities that support Art, Science and Carpentry.

Rewarding and Educational!

*Take pride in seeing your plants bloom
while using Art, Science and Carpentry!*

To get seeds, simply visit The Seed Library, built by Eagle Scout Drake Pierce-Demske Troop 451, at the front entrance of GMS.

Grayslake Middle School
440 Barron Boulevard
Grayslake, IL 60030

Once the seedlings sprout, you can enjoy the veggies and herbs in a salad, transplant them into a pot in or outside your home or bring them back to GMS where you can leave them near The Seed Library so someone else can plant them into an edible garden.

**Thank you to Woodview parent and son, Abbie and Leo Pietruszynski, for collecting, packing and transporting seeds, and for creating the Seed Library. Thank you to the Grayslake Feed Store for providing the seeds.*

The Seed Library






A Three Sisters Garden


A Three Sisters Garden is an old Native American tradition of growing corn with beans and pumpkin. However, as a modern day twist one can replace the beans for peas, or even sweetpeas, and replace the pumpkin for another type of squash or marrow.

The reasoning behind this companion planting scheme is that the beans or peas fix nitrogen into the soil for the corn, which is a heavy feeder. The corn stalks provide support for the beans. And the pumpkin creates a soil mulch for the beans and corn, keeps weeds down and keeps the moisture in for longer.

Vegetables you can use:

-  Peas can be used to grow up corn plants, as well as sweetpeas, if you would prefer.
-  Climbing beans are traditionally used in the Three Sisters Gardens.
-  Pumpkins can be used to plant in between the corn and bean plants.

The Three Sisters Garden Layout



Length of garden 15 ft, with corn hills at 5 ft intervals

Width of Garden 15 ft with corn hills planted at 5 ft intervals

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