



Flathead Grows!

SEED LIBRARY

2018 REPORT

The Flathead Grows! Seed Library at Imagine!F Columbia Falls builds community by nurturing local passion for **sustainability**, retaining regional **gardening knowledge**, and increasing opportunities for face-to-face **connections** in Columbia Falls.

WHY SEEDS AT THE LIBRARY?

Public libraries provide an inclusive learning environment where community members can develop skills and knowledge at any age or stage of life. Training provided by libraries is a critical component of lifelong learning opportunities in our communities.

Sustainability

to control their own food security and create a sustainable food network in their community. The Flathead Grows! Seed Library has free seeds for all, with no library card needed.



Number of seed
packets distributed

1,252



Increase over
2017

454%



Number of varieties available over the course of the year

70+



Rea Warrecker and her family used seeds from the Flathead Grows! Seed Library to grow vegetables and flowers in a 12' x 12' community garden plot.

"It's been so fun to start this garden with my daughters and watch everything grow!"

-Rea Warrecker





"I was able to connect with several wonderful gardeners who were a wealth of information about growing conditions and resources."

- Susan Marcolina



Gardening Knowledge

The Flathead Grows! Seed Library workshop series offers many opportunities for master gardeners and novices to learn from experts.



All survey respondents agreed that they used the knowledge they gained at a workshop to do something new or different.

100%

Connections

The Flathead Grows! Seed Library workshops provide opportunities for people to connect with others as well as connect to information.



Number of workshops

6



Number of workshop attendees

75



Increase in attendance over 2017

100%

With the Flathead Grows! Seed Library, Columbia falls has a free local seed supply, residents with increased knowledge and self-reliance, and a more connected community.



Flathead Grows! Seed Library, creating better quality of life through knowledge, relationships and a sustainable connection to local food resources.

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