
Celebration of Seeds: What to Expect at the Seed Swap

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- Join us for a social and learning experience, where gardeners may gather a sample of seeds for their gardens this season. Please keep in mind:
 - While there are many types of seeds available at the swap, every type you are looking for may not be available.
 - You may find that some crops and varieties only have a few seeds. Please only take what you will use this year so more gardeners can enjoy the seeds.
 - Ask us how to save your own open-pollinated seeds in the summer and fall to share next year!
- Please refrain from bringing invasive or toxic plant species, such as morning glory or castor beans.
- The seed swap can be crowded, and many people may want similar seeds. Please remember to be patient and kind so everyone can have fun sharing seeds!



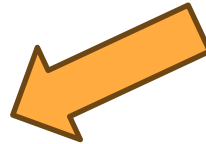
Social Narrative

A visit to the Seed Swap at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (CLP) - Main is a chance to share seeds and experiences with other gardeners.



Entrances

CLP-Main has two entrances. The front entrance has steps and an accessible entrance nearby on the right side.



The Portal entrance is in the back by Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh. This entrance is the closest to the parking garage. When you enter the portal, you may take the steps or the ramp and elevator up to the first floor of the Library.



Arrival by Car or Bike

GPS: 4400 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

The Library and Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh operate a six-level parking facility for cars and small vans. Enter at the intersection of Forbes Avenue and Craig Street and proceed to the booth to pay for parking. You may find information about parking on the Carnegie Museums website [here](#). There is also metered street parking located out front of the Library on Schenley Drive Extension and Schenley Drive.

Bicycle parking is available on Level 5 of the garage and at the front entrance to the Library.



Arrival by Bus

You can take the following bus lines to our Library: 28X, 54, 58, 61A, 61B, 61C, 61D, 67, 69, 71A, 71B, 71C, 71D, 75, 81, 83, 93, or P3. From downtown, your stop will be Forbes Avenue opposite S Bellefield Ave. If traveling opposite downtown, exit at either Fifth Avenue and Craig Street, or Forbes Avenue and Craig Street.

The front entrance to the Library is located off Schenley Drive. If you enter the building from the Portal Entry, follow the sidewalk to the right of the front entrance, past the parking garage elevators, until you see the Portal Entry on your left. Additionally, you can walk down Craig Street towards the museum parking garage and Portal Entry.



You're Here!

Inside the building, the security guard, a staff person or a volunteer will greet you.

You can take your bag and coat inside with you.



Navigation

You can access the different floors with the stairs at the front or the elevator. To access the elevator from the portal entrance, once you pass through the glass doors take the left side ramp and make the first right turn into the hallway with the photographs on the wall. Follow the signs for the Library Elevator. On the first floor, the elevator is by YINZ Coffee Shop. On the second floor, the elevator is by the Oversized Stack room.



Information- Finding

You can decide if you want to go to the seeds or an activity first. There will be a map posted, as well as a list of activities and presentations.

Library staff members with lanyards or Phipps volunteers in dark green shirts can tell you more about the event and help you find your way.



Seeds Room

In the second floor South Wing Reading Room, you will find our Seeds room. Look for the tall signs that indicate plant families. It may be loud and crowded.



Taking Seeds

In the Seeds room, you can put seeds from the packets into small envelopes to take only what you need this year. You can label the envelope and take a picture of the original seed packet so that you remember what seeds you took, and have easy access to their growing instructions.



Seed Donations

At Seed Donations, you can give seeds to share. There may be a line and it may be loud and crowded. It is in the second floor hallway.



Workshops

At the Workshops in the North Wing Music Room on the 2nd floor, you can learn about gardening topics from speakers using a microphone and screen to project images on. There will be chairs and people standing in the back. It will be crowded.



Ask a Master Gardener

At the Master Gardener table, you can ask a gardening expert your plant questions. There may be a line. It is down the second floor hallway in the North Wing Music Room.



First Floor Activities

There will be activities in the center of the first floor, New & Featured department, including a Photobooth and Rare Botanical Books. You can take a picture, or ask staff members about the rare books. The rare books can be fragile, so please don't touch them without asking a staff member first.



Children and Teens

The Children's Department will have a craft designed for young children. It is to the right of the Customer Services desk on the first floor.



The Teen Space will also have a craft. It is in the center of the first floor.



Food and Drink

YINZ Coffee sells food and drinks, but you can also bring your own food. It has places to sit and eat or drink. It is across from the Customer Services desk on the first floor. You can also bring your drinks with you as you enjoy your day. Drinks with a lid are allowed on all floors of the library, but not at the computers.



Quieter Spaces

The Quieter Space is located in the Director's Office Conference Room. It will be quieter and less busy if you want a rest. It is on the first floor on the side of the front entrance, near the bathrooms.



The Graphic Novels Room is also less loud and less busy. It is on the first floor on the side of the front entrance, past the bathrooms, on the right.

