



Flathead Grows!

SEED LIBRARY

2019 REPORT

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

WHY SEEDS AT THE LIBRARY?

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

Connections

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

2019



Number of workshops

5



Number of workshop attendees

98



Increase in attendance over 2018

31%



“ [The instructor] is a **wealth of information** and really approachable. It makes getting informed so much easier. All the people and the **comradery** is appealing. ”

- Workshop participant





“ I learned about compost tea and composting and **I used what I learned to improve** what I was already doing. ”

- Workshop participant

Gardening Knowledge

Taught by experts, and with both masters and novices attending, the Flathead Grows! Seed Library workshop series provides opportunities to learn and practice new skills.



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

100%



Sustainability

Access to free, local seeds empowers people 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 taken

1,438



Increase over 2018

15%



Number of varieties available over the course of the year

50+

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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