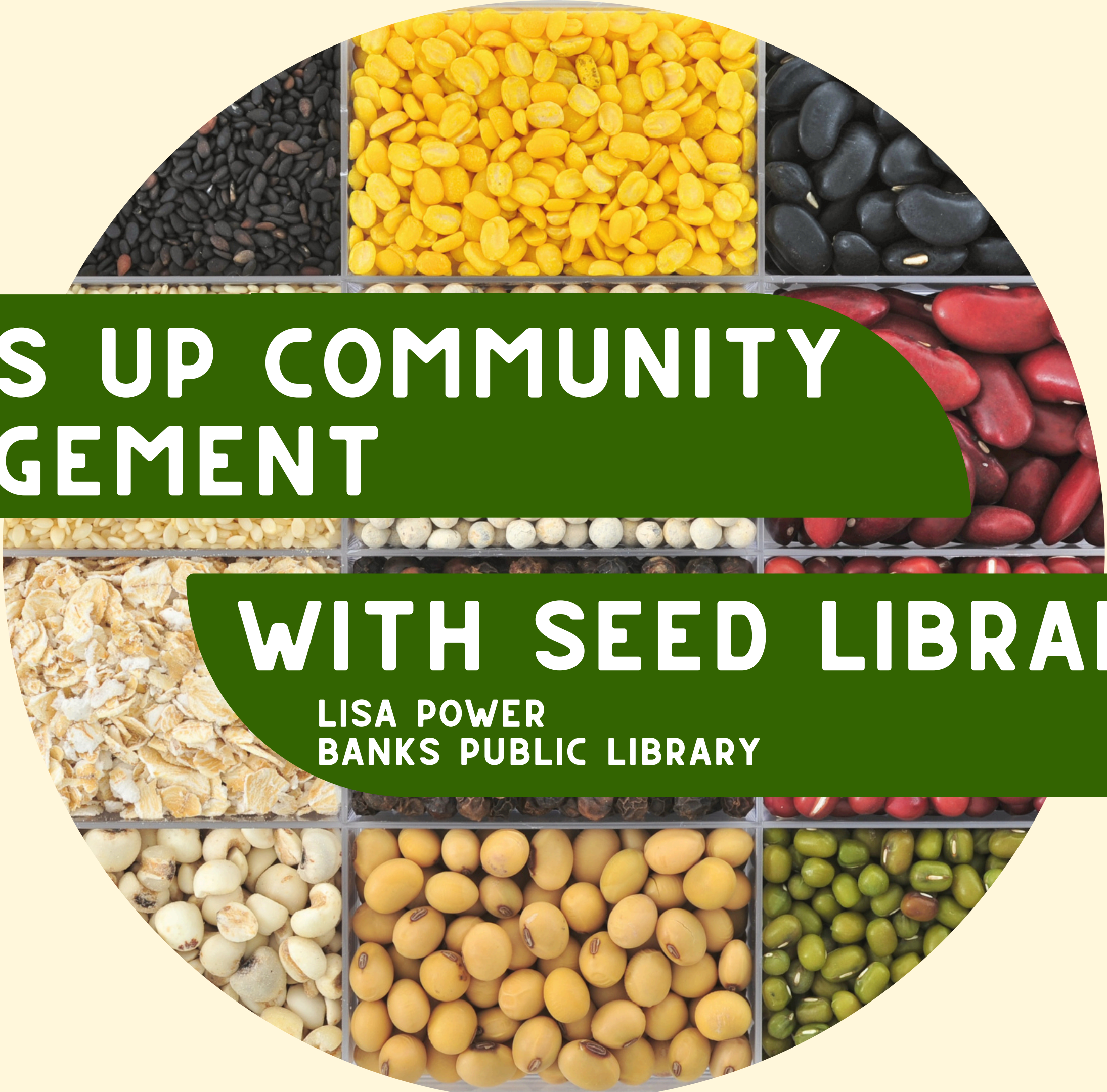




ROOTS UP COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WITH SEED LIBRARIES

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BANKS PUBLIC LIBRARY

WELCOME

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, A COUPLE QUESTIONS...

DO YOU ALREADY HAVE A SEED LIBRARY?

WHAT ARE YOU HOPING TO GAIN FROM THIS PRESENTATION?

- **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP POSSIBILITIES?**
- **HOW TO SOURCE SEEDS?**
- **ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT?**
- **STAFF TIME AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATION?**
- **PROGRAMMING?**
- **FUNDING?**
- **HOW IMPORTANT IS SEED SAVING AND GARDENING KNOWLEDGE?**
- **WE WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING!**





OUR MISSION

The Banks Seed Library is a free program committed to supporting community gardeners of all levels. Through the seed library we will provide resources needed to help community members learn how to grow their own food and save seed.

HOW WE STARTED

Start small, refine your process and grow into a successful program!



WHAT IS A SEED LIBRARY? HOW DOES IT WORK?

**A SEED LIBRARY COLLECTS AND STORES SEEDS TO SHARE
WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR FREE.**

Seed Libraries operate on the Borrow, Grow, Return principle.

- Patrons borrow seed, grow their crops, save seed from the plant, and return some to the library to ensure future generations.

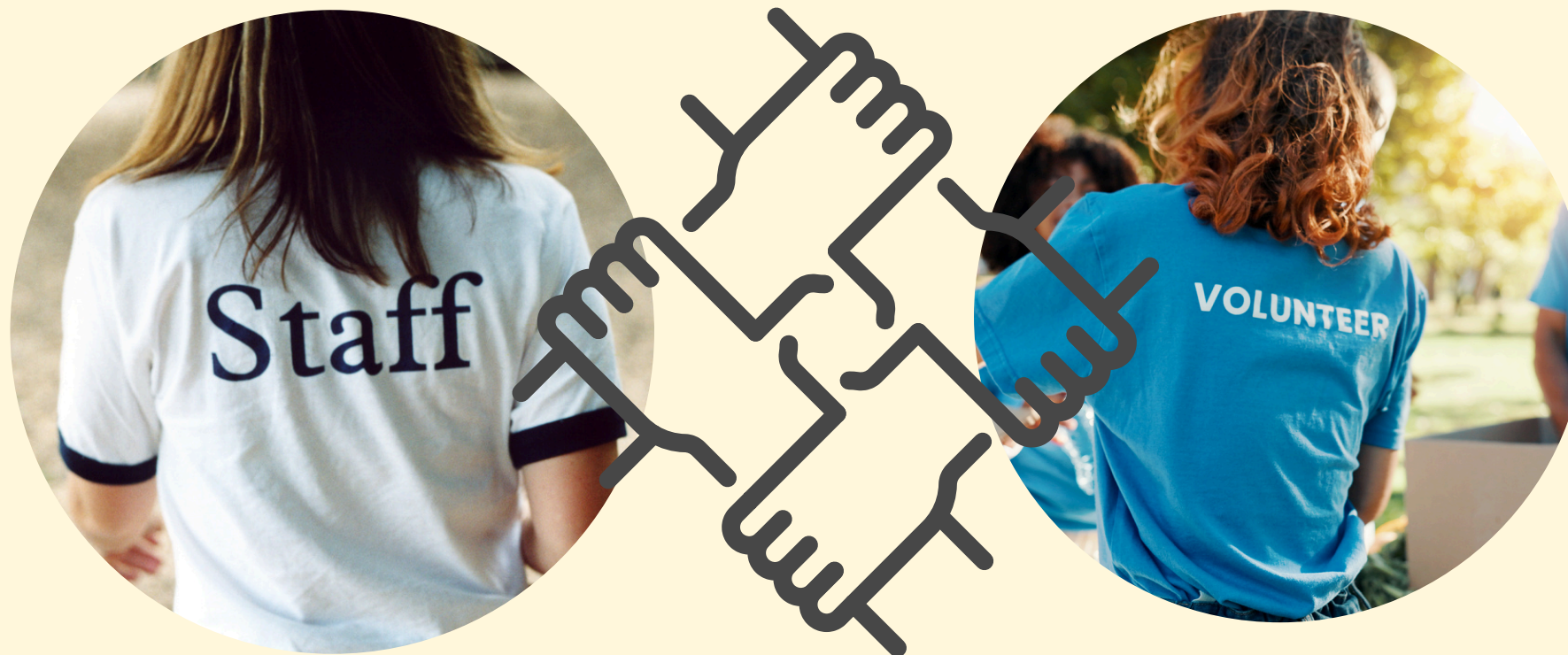
Functions of a Seed Library

- Promotion of gardening and access to healthy foods, advancement of seed and food sovereignty, and preservation of genetic resources and local history.

WHAT TO CONSIDER WHEN STARTING FRESH...

People • staff or volunteer managed	Who will manage seed intake, inventory, packaging, and check out?
What Type of library • borrowing guidelines	We are a casual seed library with a focus on educating gardeners. We give freely, expecting no returns. By supporting gardeners of all levels, they learn to grow their own food and to save seed.
Space • location/accessibility	Where will it be located, how much space is really needed, and is it accessible?
Materials	Where will you source seed, and packaging materials?
Labeling	How will you package and store seed? Pre-package? Self-Serve? How much information is too much? Not enough?
Promotion	How do you get the word out? Signage, social media, outreach.
Continuing education/programs	How do you keep people interested and engaged? Classes, workshops, outreach, gardens, programs!

PEOPLE STAFF OR VOLUNTEERS?



LESS
STRESS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

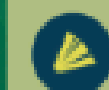
CALLING ALL
GARDENERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Banks Public Library is
looking for help
packaging seed
donations for our seed
library restock.

Drop-in when it's
convenient for you!
Pack seeds here, or take
a kit home!



RSVP: bankspl@wccls.org
or (503) 324-1382



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WHAT TYPE OF SEED WE SHARE

A QUICK SEED 101



- What are heirloom seeds?
- What does open-pollinated or true-to-type mean?
- What is isolation distancing? Why is it important?



Hybridization happens when varieties are allowed to cross-pollinate with different types. i.e. Roma tomato and Mortgage Lifter.



Easy to grow, and easily recognizable garden vegetables. i.e. peas, green beans, beets, sunflowers.

WHERE DO YOU GET SEED?

LOCAL GARDENERS



SEED COMPANIES

- BAKER CREEK HEIRLOOM SEEDS
- ADAPTIVE SEED
- TERRITORIAL SEED CO.
- SEED SAVERS EXCHANGE (HERMAN'S GARDEN SEED PROGRAM)
- LOCAL SEED COMPANIES
- GARDEN CENTERS

SEED SWAPS AND SEED DRIVES



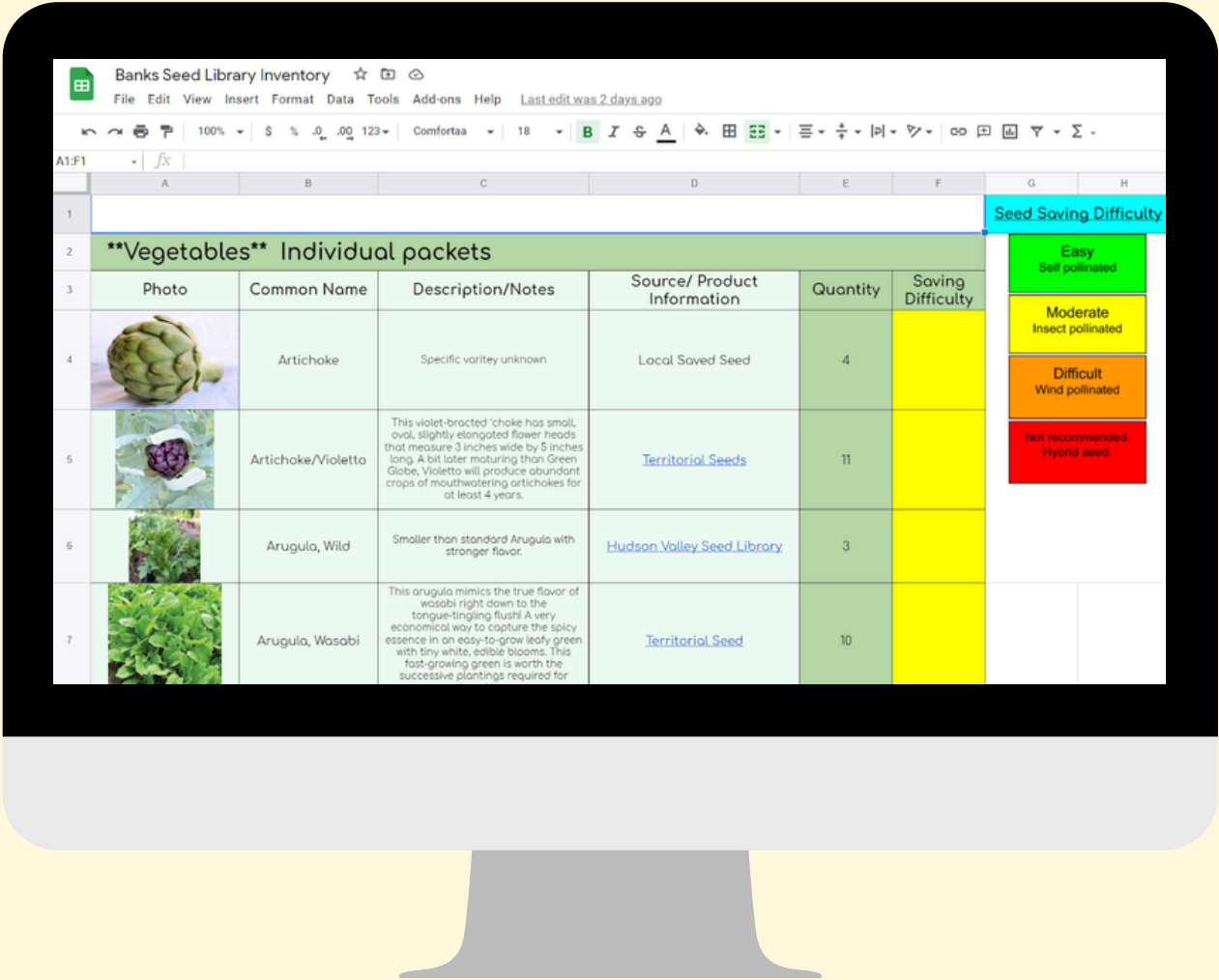
LOCATION*STORAGE*MATERIALS

- Location is highly visible with clear signage
- A card catalog is accessible and easy to use
- Packets are clearly labeled
 - Variety
 - Name
 - Year saved
 - Sku #
 - “Difficulty” sticker



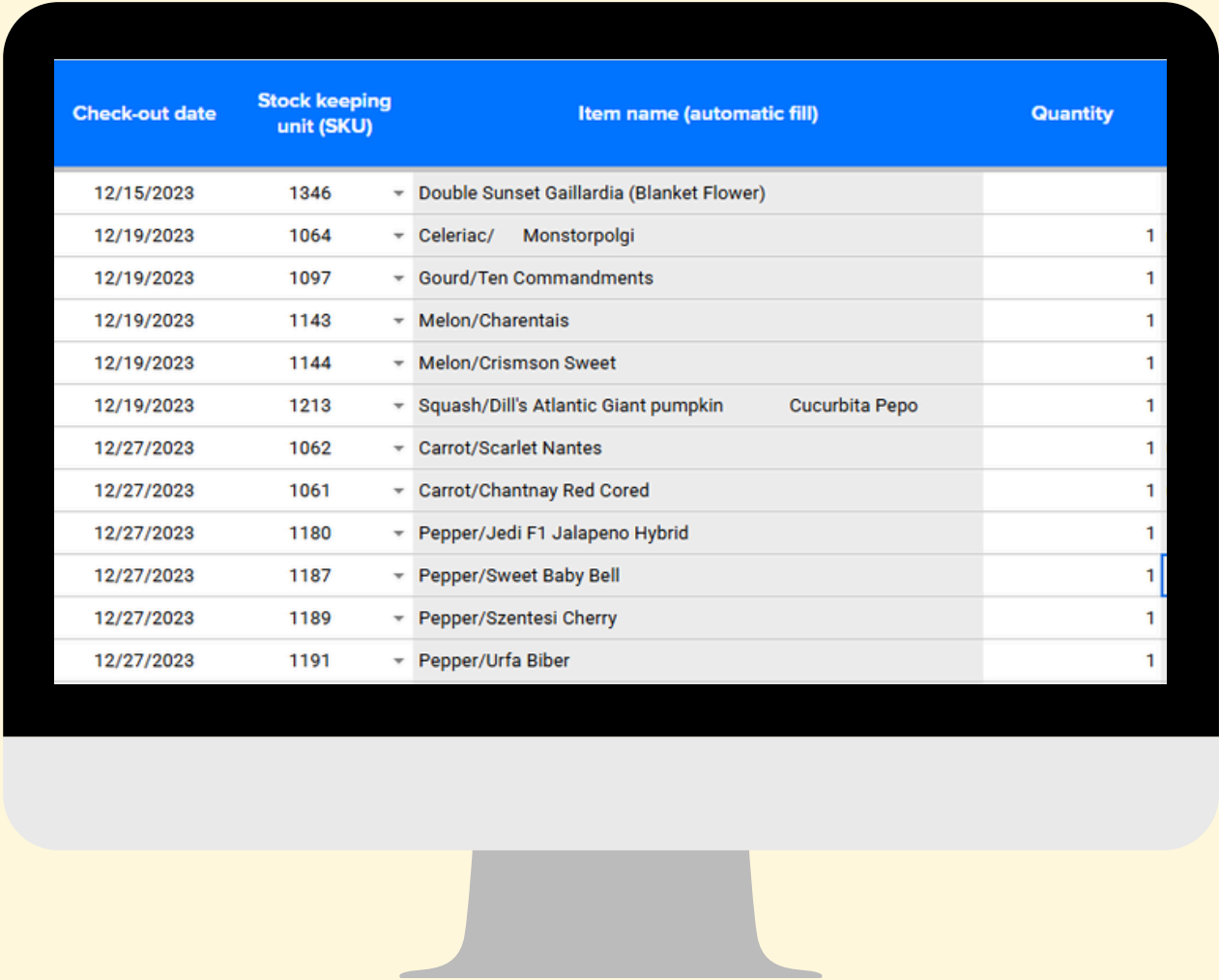
GOING DIGITAL

We use a colorful google spreadsheet with clickable links, product pictures and descriptions for patron browsing.



HOW WE KEEP TRACK OF INVENTORY

We use a free google inventory tracking sheet to keep track of inventory numbers, and to check in/check out packets.



OUTREACH AND EDUCATION



Tie into library programs

We have a Homestead series that talks about gardening and other DIY topics.

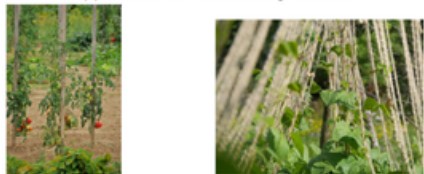


Become Self-Sustaining
Teach them and they will Grow!



Homestead Series
Garden Structures
Saturday, June 4th 10am-12pm

Join us to learn about building, and using support structures in your garden.
Bring your work gloves and help us build trellis' and other plant supports for our Community Garden!



Registration required. Contact us to reserve your spot. 503-324-1382 or bankspl@wccls.org

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Homestead Series
COMPOSTING

Composting and Worms
Thursday March 12, 6:30pm

Get basic composting and composting with worms advice from an OSU Master Gardener!

Take home worms to start your own worm compost bin!

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Homestead Series

Start a Vegetable Garden Workshop
Saturday, April 9th 10am-12pm

Join us to learn the basics of starting a vegetable garden. The second part of the program will be hands-on! Bring a pair of work gloves, and help us start a few cool weather crops in our Community Garden. You will get to take home some of the seeds you started!

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Homestead Series

Tree Pruning
Thursday, February 17 @ 7:00pm

Learn from local tree expert Loren Radford when and how to prune landscape and fruiting trees.

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Homestead Series

GARDEN PLANNING & SEED SAVING 101
January 24 7:00pm

Join us to talk about seed selection and planning garden spaces with the intent to save seed.

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How to Attract Pollinators
Tuesday, May 9 at 7pm

Staff from Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District will highlight simple steps you can take to help support pollinators in our region. We'll cover ways that you can attract pollinators to your space, from planting gardens that feature flowers that will bloom across the growing season to incorporating flowers that have different bloom colors and types. Join us as we explore plants & pollinators!

Pollinators, like bees, butterflies, beetles, and birds are essential for keeping our ecosystem healthy! They provide immense benefits for our yards, farms, and community spaces by pollinating plants and preying on pests.



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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION



Host Plant Swaps

Further your reach by starting some seeds and sharing the plants!



Grow a Garden

If your Seed Library is popular and you can find some open space, plant a garden!



PLANT SWAP
SATURDAY, MAY 10
11AM-3PM



Join us for our 5th annual Plant Swap!
Drop off your extra vegetable starts, divided plants, flowers, shrubs, tubers, etc... Friday 4pm-7pm

Come back Saturday 11am-3pm to adopt plants and visit with these community partners.

- Foodways at Nana Cardoon
- Dairy Creek Community Food Web
- Tualatin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District
- Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom
- Banks High School FFA

Plant donations are not a requirement to participate.



Foodways at Nana Cardoon



Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation



Dairy Creek Community Food Web



Tualatin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District



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Grow Partnerships

Check in with local garden clubs, food webs, and food banks.

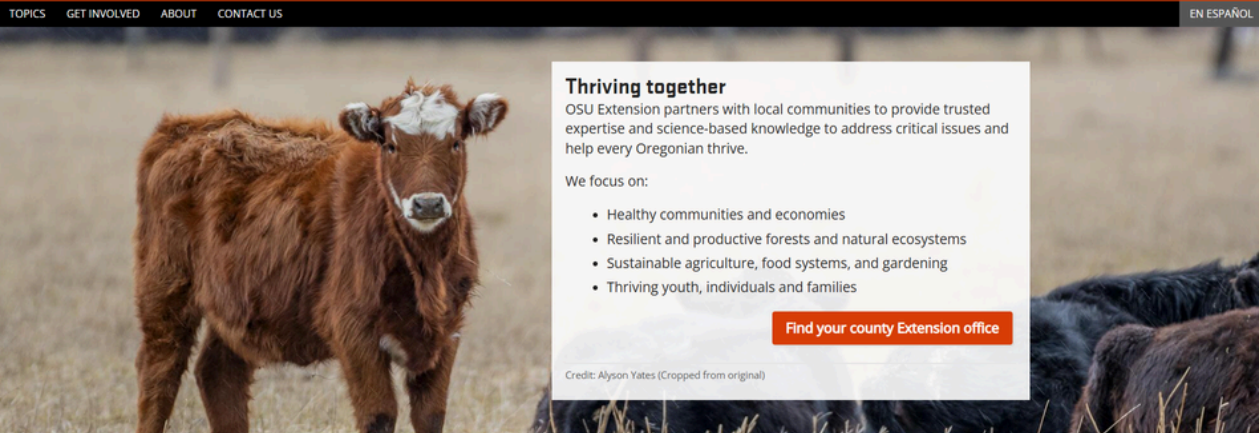


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Thriving together

OSU Extension partners with local communities to provide trusted expertise and science-based knowledge to address critical issues and help every Oregonian thrive.

We focus on:

- Healthy communities and economies
- Resilient and productive forests and natural ecosystems
- Sustainable agriculture, food systems, and gardening
- Thriving youth, individuals and families

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Dairy Creek Community Food Web

Working together to provide educational programs, facilitate food harvests, cook and share food with the Forest Grove community.

I'd Like to Get Involved



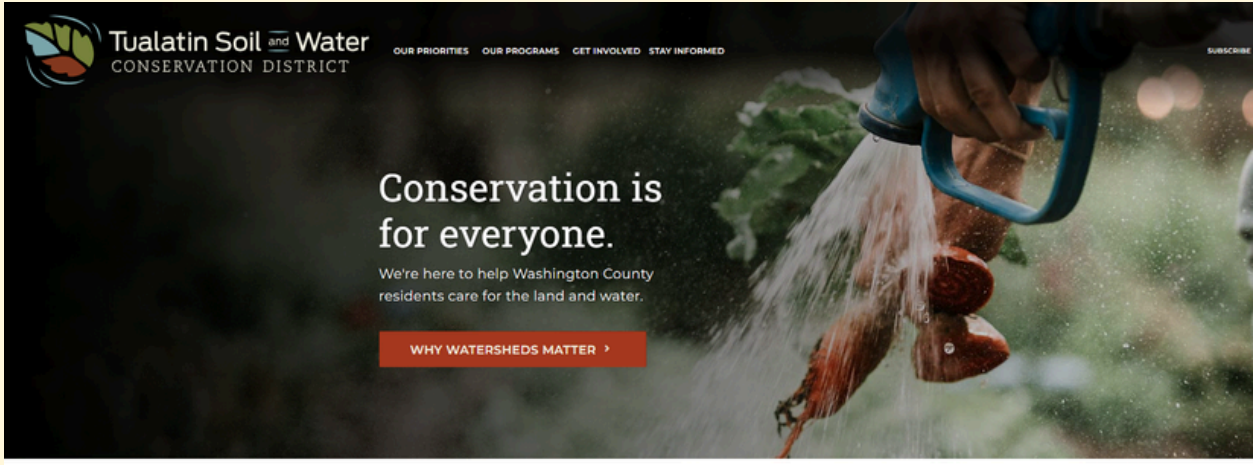
WHO WE AREWHAT WE DOHOW TO HELPSEE WHAT'S NEWGET IN TOUCH



Let's Get *Everyone* In Oregon Growing Gardens!



OUR PRIORITIESOUR PROGRAMSGET INVOLVEDSTAY INFORMED



Conservation is for everyone.

We're here to help Washington County residents care for the land and water.

WHY WATERSHEDS MATTER

Our Priorities

We use practical and innovative methods to keep waterways, soils, habitats, forests, farms—and our community—healthy.



CLEAN WATER



HEALTHY SOIL



FOOD & FARMS



FREE LESSON PLANSTEACHER CENTERABOUTSTORE

DONATE

Free lesson plans, virtual field trips, and teacher resources to bring educational standards to life, with agriculture, in K-12 classrooms.

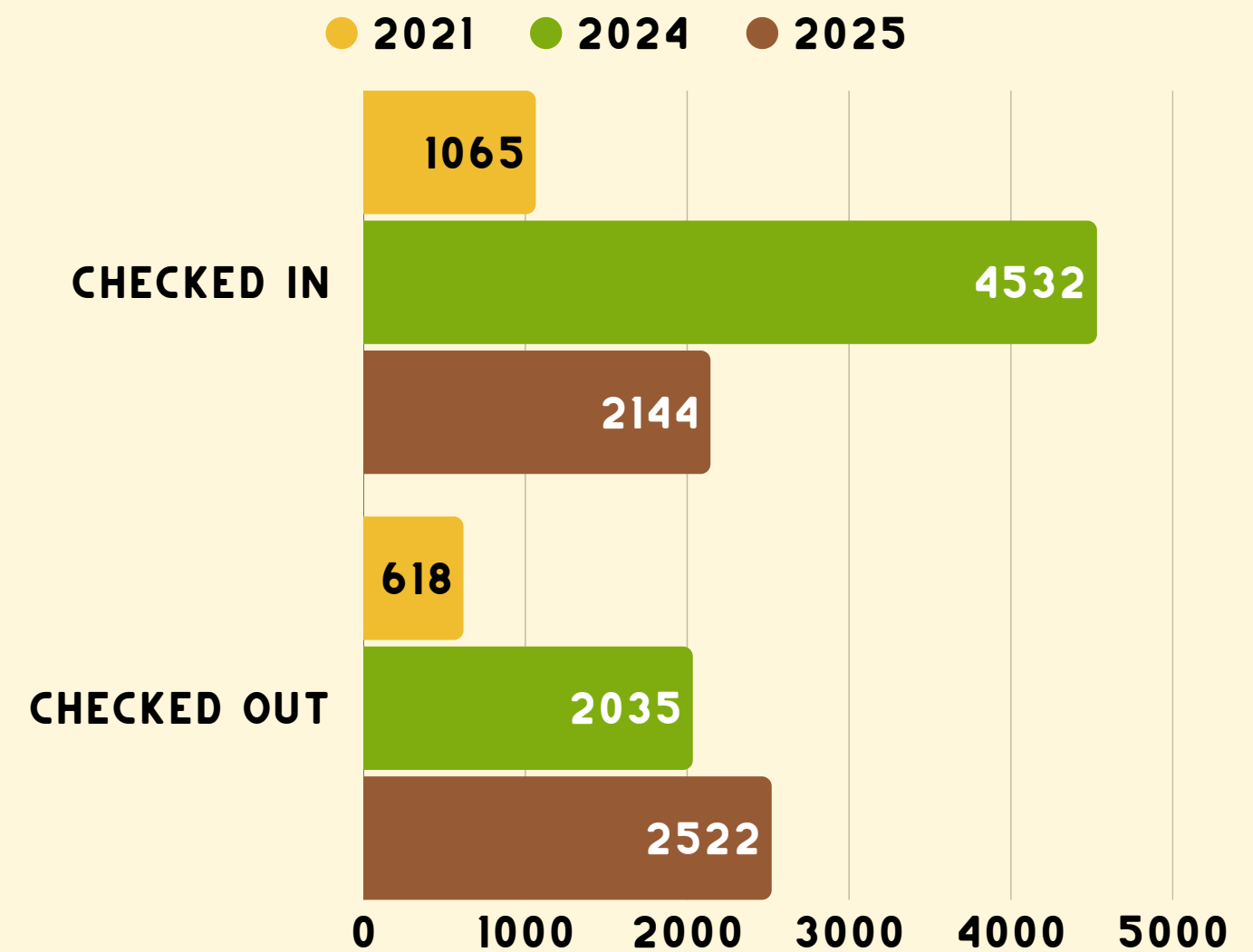


DATA COLLECTION:

PROVE YOUR PROGRAM IS WORTH IT!



CURRENT VARIETIES 653 SEED PACKET TOTALS



RESOURCES

Banks Seed Library Google Drive resource folder	<u>Google Drive Folder</u> If using the BLANK google sheet templates, MAKE A COPY BEFORE YOU EDIT THEM.
Seed Library Network	<u>http://seedlibraries.weebly.com/map.html</u> Learn how to start a seed library, get your seed library on the global map, and subscribe to the “Cool Beans” newsletter.
Seed Savers Exchange	<u>www.seedsavers.org</u> Learn how to grow plants with the intent to save seed. Download growing and seed saving guides. Sign up with Herman's Garden seed program.
Community Seed Network	<u>www.communityseednetwork.org</u> Offers resources, seeds, networking, and education.
Organic Seed Alliance	<u>https://seedalliance.org/</u> Offers research, education and advocacy.

WHO CAN HELP YOU GROW?

OUR LOCAL GROUPS. YOU'VE GOT THEM, TOO!

Fox Farm at Free Orchards Elementary	https://freeorchards.hsd.k12.or.us/academics/programs/fox-farm
Blooming B St. Learning Garden	https://www.edenacres.org/blooming-bst-garden
Dairy Creek Community Food Web	https://tehttps://dairycreekcommunityfoodweb.org/rritorialseed.com/pages/donation-request
Tuality Plains Seed Library Foodways at Nana Cardoon	https://www.foodwaysatnanacardoon.org/
Tualatin Watershed Improvement Grant (TWIG)	https://tualatinswcd.org/programs/grants-funding/twig/
Oregon State Extension Food Hero Program	https://foodhero.org/growthis

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