Seed Library Protocol

I. Library procures licensed and properly labeled seed to give away to its patrons.
   • How the library assembles this initial Seed Library is up to them
     o solicit patrons, local volunteer groups, social groups, churches, etc. for seed packets meeting their specifications (traditional, heirloom, organic, etc.)
     o monetary donations to purchase seeds from local retail stores in community.
     o seeds donated by local retail stores or seed distributors

II. Patrons “check-out” seeds from the Seed Library
   • Library gathers participant’s contact information as a member of the “Library Seed Club” (or whatever name the library chooses to call this group)
   • Library provides simple ‘informational cards’ for each type of seed given out.
   • Library provides information on seed-saving and saving/storage techniques.

III. Club members take the seeds home and plant and grow them.
   • Care for and harvest seeds doing their best to follow library guidelines for producing good seeds.
   • Fill out “informational cards” provided by the library to help the next growers know what they are getting and any other useful information.

IV. Library establishes mid-season and/or post-season seed swap day(s)
   • Library acts as a meeting place for individuals to swap or trade harvested/saved seeds with other members
   • The Library promotes that these seeds be planted the next season and any resulting harvested seeds be used in the next season’s seed swap(s)
   • Returns to the Library will not be allowed. Members may only “check-out”/trade/swap seeds with each other.

V. Each year the Library starts with “fresh” seeds meeting their specifications
   • Ensures there will be seeds available to plant
   • Encourages new participants to participate and increase the community of growers.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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