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Our Locations

To browse seeds, visit any of our five libraries:

Cedaredge Library
180 SW 6th Avenue
Cedaredge, CO 81413
(970) 399-7674

Crawford Library
545 Highway 92
Crawford, CO 81415
(970) 399-7783

Delta Library
124 E 6th Street
Delta, CO 81416
(970) 874-9630

Hotchkiss Library
149 E Main Street
Hotchkiss, CO 81419
(970) 399-7781

Paonia Library
80 Samuel Wade Rd.
Paonia, CO 81428
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Seeds can also be requested online at www.deltalibraries.org

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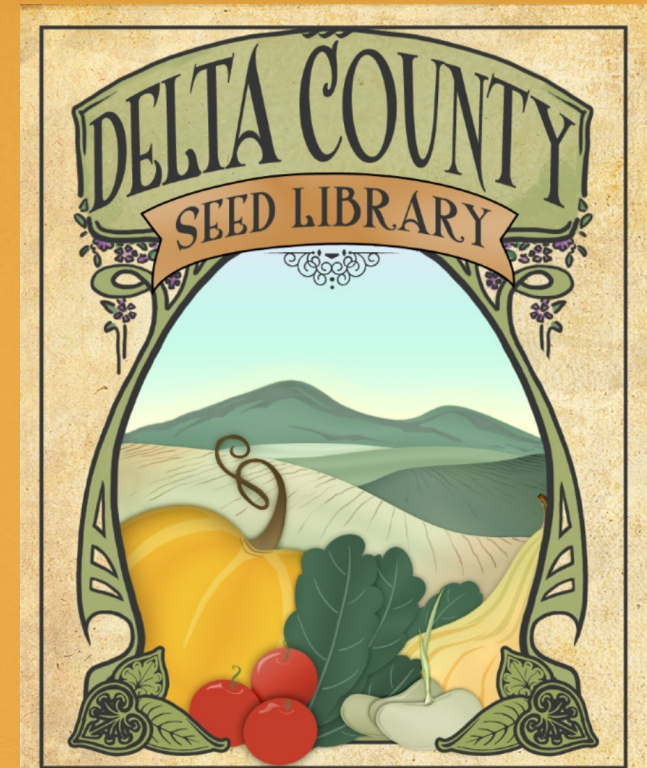
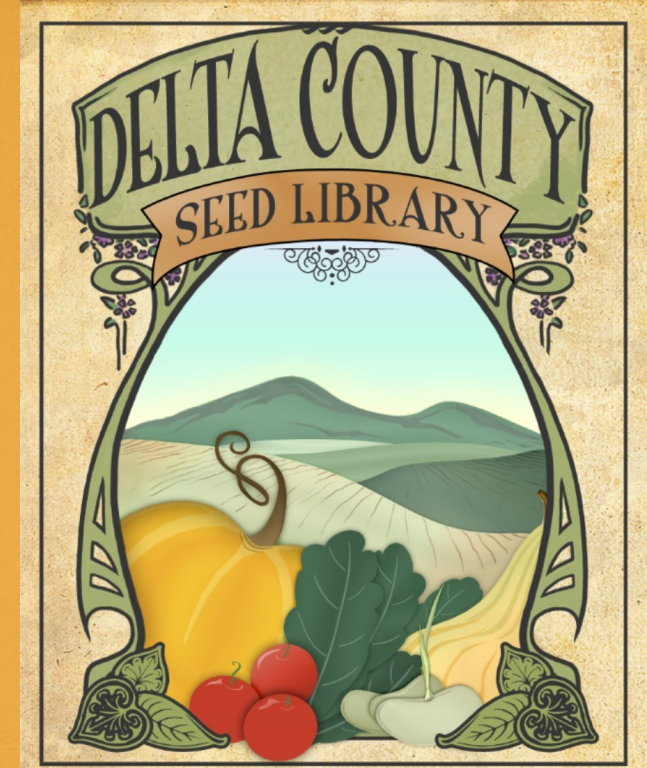
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Choosing Seeds

1. Visit Delta County Libraries to select seeds in-person, ask for help at any of our branches, or use our website at www.deltalibraries.org to place holds on seeds. You can choose “easy” or “advanced” seeds, rated based on their ease of seed saving. If you are a beginner gardener, don’t worry about saving seeds right now. We want you to select seeds for plants you’d like to grow, and you can focus on saving seeds later.

Using the Seed Library is Easy!

All you need is your library card! Seeds check out just like other items. You can check out up to 10 packets a month. Place holds online to have seeds sent to any of our branches. Seeds don’t have to be returned, so there is no need to worry about due dates or overdue fines.

2. Borrowing Seeds

3. Saving Seeds

“Easy” seeds are great for beginner gardeners who are ready to learn to save seeds. “Easy” plants are not likely to cross-pollinate and require less work to obtain good seeds. “Intermediate” and “Advanced” seeds will take more work and planning to isolate plants to prevent cross pollination. We offer handouts, books, web links and classes to help everyone gain the skills needed to successfully save seeds.

Remember, you don’t have to return seeds, but if you’d like to give it a try, place seeds for the Library in clearly labelled envelopes or containers. Fill out our seed donation form online to return with your seeds. The more information you provide, the better we can track our seed success! Bring your seeds to any Delta County Library so we can get them ready for others to check out next spring.

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