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HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY LAUNCHES FREE SEED LIBRARY PROGRAMS Just in Time for Spring Gardening!

HALTON HILLS, ON –The Halton Hills Public Library is excited to announce their Seed Library Program, which will be available to the public beginning on June 2nd, 2018.

The Georgetown Branch Seed Library is sponsored by the Downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market and BIA in celebration of their 25th anniversary this year, and the Acton Branch Seed Library is sponsored by the Town of Halton Hills Office of Sustainability. The Acton Community Garden, in partnership with the library, has also generously donated seed packets from Moonfire Farm, Urban Harvest, and William Dam Seed Companies.

Seed libraries are public library-led initiatives in which seeds are borrowed by community members, free of charge, from a shared repository. Seed libraries also encourage the return or donation of seeds harvested from plants grown from borrowed seeds in order to promote sustainability, improve local biodiversity, and foster a sense of shared community. Members of the community can take home packets of seeds to plant in their own gardens, with the request to return harvested seeds in the fall.

"We are thrilled to provide access to free herb, fruit, vegetable, and flower seeds that will promote our community's sustainability initiatives, environmental stewardship efforts, and overall well-being," said Lee Puddephatt, Community Librarian. "The Downtown Georgetown Farmers' Market and the Town of Halton Hills Office of Sustainability are essential partners helping to make the library a community hub and innovation center for everyone."

The Halton Hills Public Library is currently accepting donations of seeds from community members to be dropped off at either branch. Following the launch of the Seed Libraries on June 2nd at the Georgetown Farmers' Market opening, both Seed Libraries will be available to the public at the Georgetown and Acton branches, and at outreach events throughout the summer, including every Saturday at the Georgetown Farmers' Market.

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About the Halton Hills Public Library

The Halton Hills Public Library (HHPL) provides free access to a wide-range of books, music, movies, online courses and so much more. Professionally-trained Library staff go beyond Google in the search for information. Every week, approximately 5,200 people come through the Library's doors, in addition to the more than 7,500 who visit electronically. For more information on programs, services, hours of operation and access to the online catalogue, visit www.hhpl.on.ca.

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