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We have a local foods agent who teaches cooking classes based entirely on seasonal vegetables that can be found at the Farmers’ Market. At the end of the cooking class, every attendee takes home a CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) kit with fresh produce.

We do a seed library, a holiday food drive, and during SRP we do healthy eating classes where people learned to cook meals using ingredients already in their home. In Houston, TX.

We do a combination of cooperative food programs (food bank snack program) and organic after-school snack/fund centered programs. Cleveland Heights, OH.

Food access doc on community board

Hello! I am from St. Marys Ontario, Canada. We have started a food pantry and a friends fridge in our library and we receive financial and food donations from our community.

We also have a herb garden that is free at any hour of the day for anyone to pull from. (Houston, TX)

We’ve greatly expanded our hot/cold weather emergency supplies for patrons. (From bus tickets/socks/gloves/water bottles pre-pandemic) including snacks.

We partner with local churches and organizations to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets/grocery items in Nov. & Dec.

Several of our branches are sites for an outdoor community organization that does summer lunches for kids 6 families (Denver)

*Summer meal program
*weekly free produce from Knox County Gleaners

We offer a Snacktivities program for 5-12 year olds 4 days per week, pairing an activity with a free snack. Parents do not have to participate in activity to have snack. Adults can have snack.

We work with the local school to offer lunches during the summer reading program all summer long. Globe, AZ.

Summer Food Program alongside Summer Programming. I am in SW Kansas.

We have been offered 3 crockpots by a local partner

We have certain months when employee bonuses can be “paid” with food that we have available for our unhoused population.

Partnered with RI food bank to bring health habits workshops to the library, using food bank items.

We have worked with local food bank for food drives and we have started a community seed bank and a workshop series on growing, producing, preserving and conserving food.

We recently won a grant to build a kitchen cart. The first series will be Food for Life programs, a physician created cooking curriculum.

We are currently starting a kid’s gardening class. They will get to keep the container gardens they are working on at home after the program ends.

We partner with Food Bank of the Rockies to distribute food to our patrons on the plains of CO at ourKelver and Davies branches.

I’ve worked with Cooking Matters (https://cookingmatters.org/) in the past and I’d love to coordinate programs with them again. (Denver CO)

Currently: resource pamphlet with lists of places to access meals or food

Partnering with affordable housing behind us to offer weekly healthy snacks to kids in the housing/ library/local park area.

Wish small pantry of easy nonperishables such as granola bars/ bottles of water, etc. Wish stronger partnerships existed to offer food at the library.
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  - Starting a spice library - for unusual spices that are featured in the Spice of the month Cooking class our library is offering.

- **Self watering planters that keep the plants growing even if you forget to water**
  - Seed libraries and gardening (growing food) in partnership with our local Cooperative Extension services.

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  - We're re-starting a pre-pandemic gardening program this year (Denver CO).

- **We stopped collecting fines.**
  - Get ready for Kindergarten program. Looking at which foods can be sent to school for new kids starting school. Talking about food to send.

- **Have a meeting next week to discuss starting a seed library at several branches in our district.**
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  - There is a DARS group that does feeding for homeless at one of our branches. They bring in food for them one day a week.