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What is your library doing to address food insecurity in your community? Or, what do you wish your public library was doing?

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 at

CSA
(Community-Supported Agriculture) Pick up location at the library

We do a seed library, did a holiday food drive and during SRP we did healthy eating classes where people learned to cook meals with few ingredients and received a free meal (Houston, TX)

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

We also have an 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.

Some ideas I would like to do include doing a harvest bounty share/swap and a grab-an-go intergenerational cooking activity during our SWL program.

Teaching children how to garden, giving them seeds to take home and plant at home.

Offer resource list for places people in need can get things then need.

We do after school snacks and summer feeding programs. We have community fridges at 3 locations and offer food literacy resources and programs.

pop-up pizza program for kids in partnership with housing and mental health

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.

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

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 another community organization that does summer lunches for kids & families (Denver)

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.

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

Partnered with local organizations to provide a snack box for teens/kids coming in after school

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 home after the program ends.

We partner with Food Bank of the Rockies to distribute food to our patrons on the eastern plains of CO at our Kelder 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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**Seed libraries
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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.

Helping the children
learn how to cook
the food that they
grow in the
container gardens
they are planting.

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

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

**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

We serve free lunches
every Friday. Many
storytime attendees
stay and eat the
lunches in the
children's area. I have
seen this be a bridge
in social groups.

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.