



WOOD RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Wood River Public Library Community Garden

Mission Statement:

The Wood River Public Library's Community Garden is a community garden open to all those who live, work, or study in Wood River and neighboring areas. It is committed to providing a growing space for individuals, families, and the local community.

Goals:

- The Wood River Public Library Community Garden has been established to pursue the following goals:
 - Contribute to food security by transforming the lot next to the library into a landscape for growing food for the local community;
 - Provide the local community with access to garden lots where they can tend to fresh, healthy, locally grown produce;
 - Grow produce for donation to food banks, meal programs, or other food security programs;
 - Provide a space for children and adults to participate in gardening activities so that they learn about edible plants, insects, and weeds, how they grow and their nutritional value; and
 - Build community ties by bringing together people of all ages and backgrounds, to volunteer and work together to build and tend the community garden;

Rules & Regulations:

- Each individual gardener or organization is assigned a plot(s) by the Wood River Public Library.
- Drugs, alcohol, and smoking are prohibited.
- Use of pesticides or herbicides is prohibited.
- Pets are prohibited from entering the garden.
- Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times when visiting the garden.
- Gardeners are responsible for maintaining their assigned plot(s) and must be present throughout the duration of the growing season. If gardeners take a vacation, they are responsible for letting the Wood River Public Library know. The Library will tend their plot(s) in their absence.
- If a plot goes unattended for more than 2 weeks, the gardener forfeits their plot.
- The Library will provide basic supplies for tending to the garden. Additional tools should be provided by the gardener. Supplies will be available during normal Library hours.
- All gardeners must have a volunteer form filled out and on file at the Wood River Public Library.
- Plots are assigned first come, first served.

- When produce is harvested, volunteers get first chance at the items. The surplus will be first placed in the blessing box. Once the blessing box is full, the additional surplus will be donated to local food banks, meal programs, or other food security programs.

Volunteer Agreement & Waiver of Liability

Name		Date of Birth(mm/dd/yy)	
Organization (optional)			
Address			
City	State	Zip:	
Email		Phone	

Release & Waiver: I attest that I am physically fit to participate in all the activities associated with the maintenance and upkeep of the Community Garden as a volunteer. I hereby for myself, my heirs, executor(s), and administrator(s), waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I may have against Wood River Public Library, its employees, representatives, successors, and assigns and any individual associated with Wood River Public Library, and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries, bug bites/stings, allergies, etc. suffered in connection with my volunteer activities at the Community Garden.

Photo Release: Further, I hereby grant full permission to any and all the foregoing to use my likeness in all media including photographs, recordings, or any other record made in connection with my activities at the Community Garden.

Under no circumstances will any volunteer be allowed in the Community Garden without first signing this Volunteer Agreement and Waiver of Liability.

Volunteer Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18)	Relationship to Volunteer

Approved by the Board of Trustees on February 21, 2019.