

Community Gardening with Kids



Great Books at Your Local Library

Below are recommended reading materials for those interested in community gardening with children and also for those who are more experienced, but looking for additional information and ideas. See "At-home Gardening with Kids" for additional resources. After each book you will find a series of library codes that tell you if the book is at a library near you or from where you can request it.

Library Codes: H= Hennepin County M= Minneapolis Central

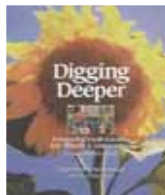


City Green
DiSalvo, DyAnne.
Morrow Junior Books,
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Easy Fiction
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Digging Deeper: Integrating Youth Gardens into Schools and Communities

1998 Food Works
Joseph Kiefer

The theme of believing in and recognizing the power of gardens in schools and creating centers in every community.

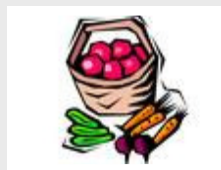


- ✧ ideas for: organization, program promotion, fundraising, developing program plans, and garden designs
- ✧ activities for every season to understand the garden and its processes better
- ✧ case studies for every section
- ✧ forming ecological education in your schools and a special section for trying to develop an ecologically sustainable future by creating understanding among children.

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In the Children's Garden

Carole Lexa Schaefer
Henry Holt and Co. 1994
Easy Fiction
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The Community Garden Book

Larry Sommers
1984 Gardens for All Inc.

- ✧ finding support in sponsoring organizations
- ✧ planning
- ✧ fundraising
- ✧ land (site design)
- ✧ common problems and countering strategies
- ✧ new alternatives to garden styles and maintenance

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The Youth Gardening Book

Lynn Olcone
1983 Gardens for All Inc.

For school and community gardens:

- ✧ finding or providing leadership
- ✧ raising money
- ✧ tackling issues of motivation and vandalism
- ✧ land and garden design
- ✧ continuity through the summer months
- ✧ activities for knowledge and fun

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Seedfolks

Paul Fleischman
1983 Gardens for All Inc.

Story of how a community garden develops within a bleak Cleveland neighborhood. Told from the individual perspective of the gardeners, exploring culture, race, education, and income.

The following websites have terrific resources and great links!

National Gardening Association's kids page -- www.kidsgardening.com/ * American Community Gardening Association -- www.communitygarden.org/ † www.gardenmosaics.cornell.edu/

*UMN Landscape Arboretum -- www.arboretum.umn.edu/education/index.htm * City Farmer -- www.cityfarmer.org/

