



# School Gardens



## Great Books at Your Local Library

Below are recommended reading materials for teachers, parents, or administrators who are looking to incorporate garden curriculum into their schools or interested in finding out and understanding the advantages better. 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

A= Anoka County D= Dakota County H= Hennepin County M= Minneapolis Central R= Ramsey County  
S= Scott County SP= St. Paul Public Libraries W=Washington County ECRL= Mille Lacs, Sherburne, Isanti Counties

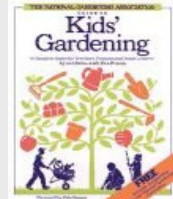
### The National Gardening Association's Guide to Kid's Gardening: A Complete Guide for Teachers, Parents, and Youth Leaders

Lynn Ocone

1990 National Gardening Association

- ✧ an extended and more detailed version of Ocone's Youth Gardening Book.
- ✧ planning, developing and choosing a site, gardening activities, experiments, projects, and fun ideas

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### The Youth Gardening Book

Lynn Ocone, 1992 Gardens for All Inc.

- ✧ For both school and community gardens: leadership, land, money, vandalism issues, continuity through summer, motivation
- ✧ examples of itemized budgets for different school and community garden scenarios
- ✧ activities for knowledge and fun

Codes: M



### The Growing Classroom: Books 1-3

1982 Live Oak School District  
Life Lab Science Program  
Grades 2-6



#### **Book 1: Getting Started**

site designs, how to gain support within the school system and community, basic gardening and how to involve the children, experimental beds

#### **Book 2: Science**

developing communication and cooperation skills through problem solving

group decision making in the classroom

developing awareness through discovery

mysteries of growing, photosynthesis, changes and cycles, understanding interdependence, insects, flowers, and pollination, energy, recycling more

#### **Book 3: Nutrition**

food choices, food groups, nutrients, digestion, consumerism, recipes

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### A Teacher's Manual for the Green Classroom

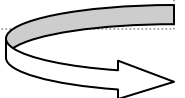
Judith Salisbury

1988 New Alchemy Institute

- ✧ a month-by-month school year garden based science curricula
- ✧ very diverse to cover many interests and ways of learning
- ✧ includes basics like generating support and choosing a site

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## Additional Info



## Resources on the Web

Information for parents, teachers, and community garden leaders on “Gardening with Kids”.

[ecoliteracy.com](http://ecoliteracy.com)- a guide to starting school gardens available by request to schools. Many publication on the subject and it's benefits listed for downloading.

[Lifelab.org/Classroom](http://Lifelab.org/Classroom)- curriculum and activity guides for incorporating gardening into schools, grades K-5.

[Arboretum.umn.edu](http://Arboretum.umn.edu)- The Minneapolis Arboretum- packed with information for teachers, families, and communities. Features include:

School Gardens: school programs, an online teachers resource center, an online teachers course, Classroom stories, thematic explorations, lessons on the garden, and recommended books.

Family Resources: An online family resource room with downloadable publications, recommended reading from the very young to teens, program offerings ranging from family weekend drop-ins to preschool and summer camps.

[Kidsgardening.org/teachers.asp](http://Kidsgardening.org/teachers.asp) and [garden.org/asg](http://garden.org/asg)- a comprehensive resource from *The National Gardeners Association* specifically for teachers looking to incorporate gardening into their classroom curriculum. Teachers can: find funding from across the country, download kid tested lesson plans and ideas from other teachers with successful school gardening experience, register to be a part of a database of nation wide school gardens in order to communicate with other teachers and students, subscribe to *KidsGardenNews* per email for monthly updates on available grants, gardening resources, and lesson plans.

[Ecologycenter.org/baeerg](http://Ecologycenter.org/baeerg)- information from the Edible School Garden Berkeley one of the most successful school garden programs in the country which eventually spread to much of California and is being reenacted by many other school districts and schools. The website includes their CREEC Network and curriculum.

[Communitygarden.org/links](http://Communitygarden.org/links)- great links to a wealth of information on “Gardening with Children” from curriculum to community and at home gardening resources.

[Farminthecity.org](http://Farminthecity.org)- Farm in the City, a St. Paul NGO, with service learning, youth education, community gardening info.

[Cityfarmer.org](http://Cityfarmer.org)- Canada's office for Urban Agriculture with school curriculum and gardening with kids links.

[Evergreen.ca](http://Evergreen.ca)- info. for learning, common, and home grounds, a teachers corner, curriculum links, library, funding opportunities, a discussion forum, and FAQ.



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