



Tried and True: Ideas Ready to Use from Utah Libraries



Fine Free Library

Tooele City Public Library
Director: Jami Munk Carter

Community Garden



Salt Lake City Public Library Community Garden

Mission: The Plot is a learning laboratory for library patrons to sow, grow and share using sustainable gardening practices. Each gardener is the author of their own plot, fostering life and learning in an otherwise vacant urban area.



Rules of operation:

The Plot is a community garden open to all patrons of the library from sunrise to sunset. The garden is tended by member-patrons that applied via a lottery to have a free plot. Please do not pick from the garden if you are not a member. Everyone is allowed to enjoy the garden space respectfully and watch it grow.



Problem in 2017: Poor soil quality

Solution in 2018: Planted winter cover crop at the end of the 2017 season, established compost production.

May-July 2017: (no growth!)

August 2017:



The Jewish Community Center Counselors in Training amended their bed with compost after too many weeks of no plant growth. Finally, in the beginning of August their garden grew and produced a few fruits. However, this kind of success was not consistent throughout the garden - some beds stayed stunted the whole season, prompting me to guide everyone in planting winter cover crop to at least fix the problem for the next season.



Winter cover crops produce nodes of nitrogen (see photo) that is a vital nutrient for many plants!



The garden beds are currently flourishing!

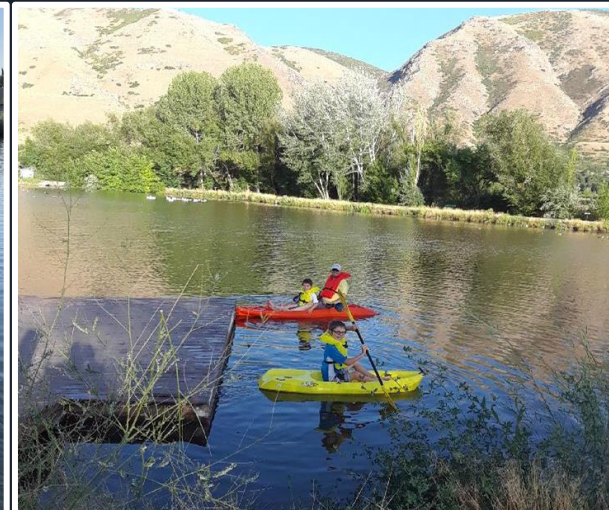
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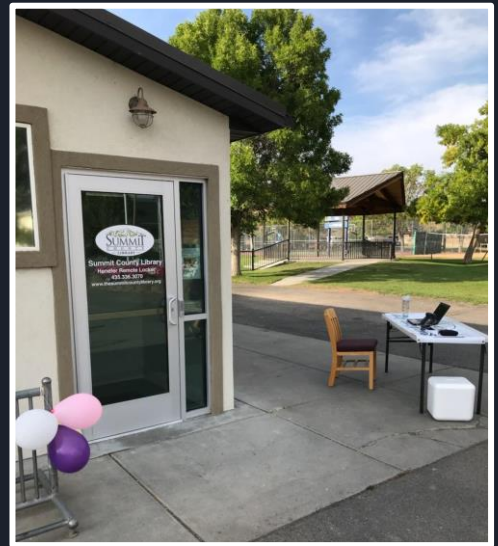
Community Adventure Kits

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Remote Library Lockers

Summit County Library
Director : Dan Compton



Book Bike



Grand County Public Library
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