

# Libraries of Seeds and Things: Unique Collections in Your Catalog



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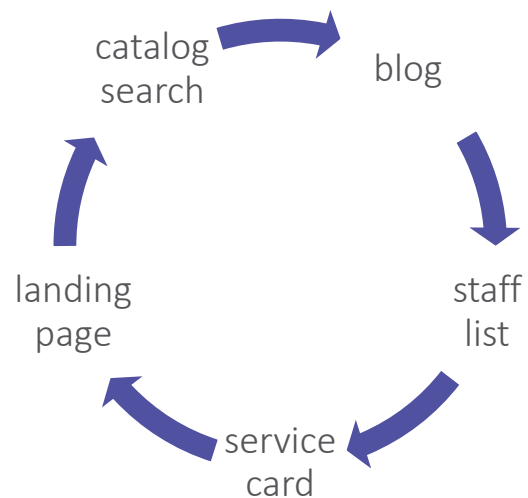
# Pima County Public Library Seed Library Discoverability

Patrons who know:

- Catalog search
- Landing page


Patrons who don't know YET:

- Keywords that lead to Personalized Promotions
- Blogs featured on the homepage



# Patrons who know:

Search for one seed in the catalog...



**Basil**  
Lemon : Ocimum Citriodorum

★★★★★

+ 3D Object  
Seed Library Basil Advanced

[Read about sowing and growing basil](#)

Place hold

For Later

STAFF LIST  
**Monsoon Sowing 2023**

Wet summer is here! These seeds are great to sow during the monsoon season. Below is a small selection of seeds to sow from July - August.

**Discover many more in a staff list!**

Patrons who know visit the Seed Library landing page.



Search the  by

Advanced Search

- Browse
- E-Library
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- Events
- Catalog

## Seed Library



- Seed Library Locations
- Available Seeds
- What to Plant: September
- Facebook
- Contact the Seed Library
- Seeds for Easy Seed Saving
- Seeds for Advanced Seed Saving

### What is the Seed Library all about?

**Encouraging** our community to experience the joys of gardening.

**Educating** our community about growing, harvesting, and saving seeds.

### Now Sowing



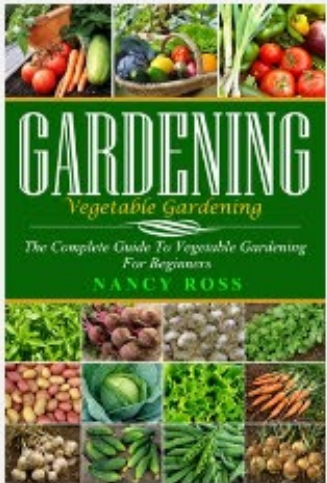
Now Sowing: Flax (September–November)

Use BiblioWeb taxonomies to populate this page with seasonal blog posts, staff lists, and events.



# Patrons who don't know YET:

Search the catalog for "gardening"...



## Gardening

The Complete Guide To Vegetable Gardening For Beginners

by Ross, Nancy



eBook - 2016

[Check out now on Hoopla](#)



For Later



SERVICE

Start your garden with seeds from the Seed Library



ONLINE RESOURCE

Home & Garden Magazines in OverDrive & Libby

...and see a service card that leads to the Seed Library landing page.

# Patrons who don't know YET:


- See a Now Sowing blog on the library homepage.
- Follow links in the blog to:
  - Catalog record for thyme seeds
  - Other Now Sowing blogs
  - Landing page

Pima County Public Library Blogs > PimaLib\_SeedLibrary

31 Mar 2023

## Now Sowing: Thyme (March–May, September–October)

by PimaLib\_SeedLibrary March 31, 2023 [\(Edit\)](#)



[Check out thyme seeds](#)

**Common Name:** Thyme  
**Scientific Name:** Thymus Vulgaris  
**Seed Saving Level:** Advanced

**Categories**  
[Adults](#)  
[Gardening](#)  
[Seed Library: Now Sowing](#)  
[Teens](#)

**Similar Posts for You**  
[Time to Harvest Okra! »](#)  
Jul 14, 2023  
[Field Notes: Exploring You! »](#)  
Jun 7, 2023  
[Community spotlight: Pueblo High School Youth Volunteers »](#)  
May 24, 2023  
[Join the Digital Storytelling Summer Camp! »](#)  
May 10, 2023  
[Your—and everyone's—freedom to read! »](#)  
Apr 24, 2023

Now Sowing blog posts are written by the Seed Library Team, and they generate a lot of traffic toward seeds.

# What does all that look like in our ILS?



I TYPE	744 Seeds - Corporate
PRICE	\$0.00
OUT DATE	MM - DD - 20    hh : mm    _
OUT LOC	0
DUE DATE	MM - DD - 20
PATRON#	0
LPATRON	0
LCHKIN	MM - DD - 20    hh : mm    _
BARCODE	31152105360491
x NOTE	6777 ID number

We created an I-Type in Sierra so seeds could circulate differently from other items. This is also where we specify the origin of the seeds.

Each individual barcoded packet of seeds gets an ID number for tracking purposes.

Format for seeds is 3-D Objects.

Extra titles for varieties and scientific names.

LANG	eng English	CAT DATE	06 - 09 - 2022
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ADD TITLE	246	3 0	Purple romagna artichoke
ADD TITLE	246	3 0	Cynara scolymus





SUBJECT	650		0	Seeds xHarvesting.
SUBJECT	650		0	Gardening zArizona zTucson.
SUBJECT	650		0	Desert gardening zArizona zTucson.
SUBJECT	650		0	Heirloom varieties (Plants)
SUBJECT	650		0	Sustainable agriculture.
SUBJECT	650		0	Sustainable biodiversity.
SUBJECT	650		0	Libraries and community zArizona zTucson.
SUBJECT	650		0	Public-private sector cooperation zArizona zTucson.
SUBJECT	610	2	0	Pima County Public Library.
SUBJECT	610	2	0	Native Seeds of Tucson.
SUBJECT	610	2	0	University of Arizona. bCooperative Extension.
SUBJECT	690		0	Seed Library.
SUBJECT	650		0	Pollination.
SUBJECT	690		0	Open pollination.
SUBJECT	690		0	Advanced seed saving.
ALT AUTHOR	710	2		Pima County Public Library.
ALT AUTHOR	710	2		Native Seeds/Search (Organization)
ALT AUTHOR	710	2		University of Arizona. bCooperative Extension.
MARC	856	4	0	<b>u</b> <a href="https://www.library.pima.gov/seed-library/">https://www.library.pima.gov/seed-library/</a> <b>z</b> Seed Library information
MARC	856	4	0	<b>z</b> Read about sowing and growing artichoke <b>u</b> <a href="https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/now-sowing-artichoke-september-november/">https://www.library.pima.gov/blogs/post/now-sowing-artichoke-september-november/</a>
MARC	856	4	2	<b>z</b> Cover Image <b>u</b> <a href="https://www.library.pima.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2023/06/Seed-Library-catalog-image-Artichoke-Purple-romagna-Cynara-scolymus-b2113232x.png;">https://www.library.pima.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2023/06/Seed-Library-catalog-image-Artichoke-Purple-romagna-Cynara-scolymus-b2113232x.png</a> ;

Lots of subject headings to make keyword searching more successful. So many subject headings!

Alternative authors include local gardening organizations and commercial seed donors.

These 856 fields let us add images and links to the seed records in our catalog.

← Search results



# Artichoke

Purple Romagna : Cynara Scolymus

★★★★★ (1 rating) ☆☆☆☆☆ Rate this ▾

+ 3D Object

Available

58 copies 38 available  
0 on hold

Availability by location >

Online resource

[Seed Library information >](#)

[Read about sowing and growing artichoke >](#)

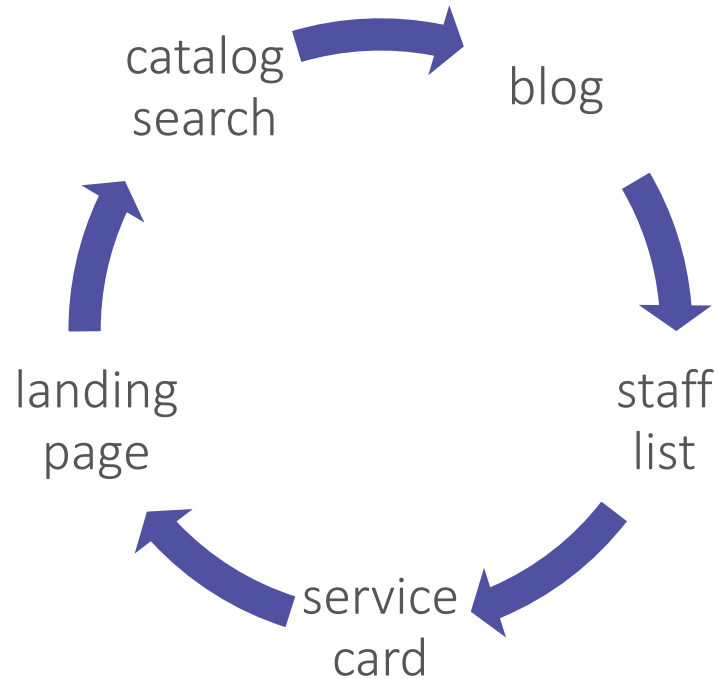
Place hold

For Later ▾

URL for landing page in 856 field →

URL for blog post in 856 field →

Image URL from Media Library in 856 field ←



### A few more details about Pima County's Seed Library

- Seeds officially check out for 6 months, but we do a monthly purge of seeds from patron accounts
- 10 seed packs per card, per month checkout limit
- Reserve up to 10 seed packs at a time
- Staff suppress and unsuppress seed records in the catalog as needed

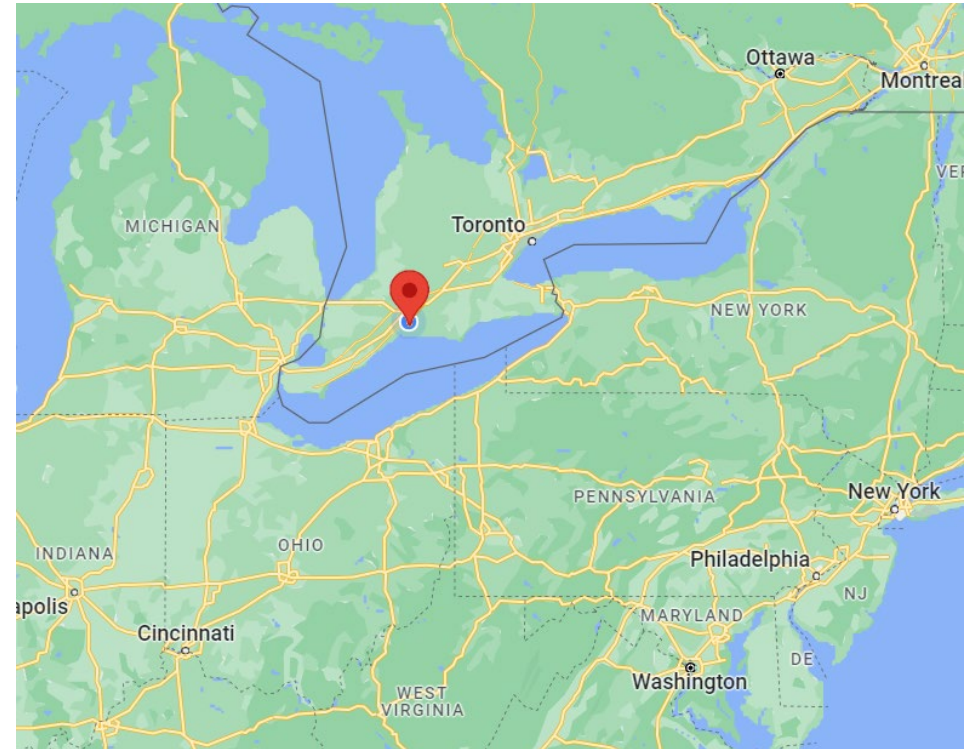
[library.pima.gov/seedlibrary/](https://library.pima.gov/seedlibrary/)

# St. Thomas Public Library Seed Library









- City population: 42,000
- Launched our Seed Library in 2017
- 497 different seeds catalogued

ST. THOMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY



# Plant Categories

 <p>Flowers</p>	<h3>Liatris : Blazing Star (Liatris Spicata)</h3> <p>+ Kit Seed Library &gt; Flowers &amp; Ornaments&gt; Liatris &gt; Blazing Star Available <a href="#">View location availability</a></p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>
	
 <p>Fruits + Vegetables</p>	<h3>Tomato, Cleota Pink: (Solanum Lycopersicum)</h3> <p>+ Kit Seed Library &gt; Fruits and Vegetables &gt; Tomato &gt; Cleota Pink Available <a href="#">View location availability</a></p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>
	
 <p>Herbs</p>	<h3>Basil : Genovese (Ocimum Basilicum)</h3> <p>+ Kit Seed Library &gt; Herbs &gt; Basil &gt; Genovese Available <a href="#">View location availability</a></p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>
	

# Our Seed Page



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## Seeds you can borrow:

Browse our catalogue below to see what seeds are offered in the Seed Library!

[Fruits & Vegetables](#)

[Herbs](#)

[Flowers & Ornamentals](#)

[Container Friendly](#)

## Resources for Getting Started:

Download the guides below to learn more about the Seed Library, saving seeds, and donating seeds!

[Getting Started Guide](#)

[Growing & Sharing Guide](#)

[Seed Donation Form](#)

[Printable Seed Journal - Option 1](#)

# MARC Record



[Item Table](#) [MARC Edit](#) [MARC View](#) [Record Notes](#) [View Holds](#) [Monograph Parts](#) [Holdings View](#) [Conjoined Items](#) [Shelf Browse](#)

LDR03272nam a2200421 a 4500

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003 STTHOMAS

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092 #a Seed Library > Flowers & Ornamentals > Aster > Flat-Topped

245 0 #a Aster : Flat-Topped (Doellingeria umbellata)

520 #a Flat-topped Aster is an early bloomer, flowering in July with clusters of white petals and yellow centre disks. It is rhizomatous, meaning it spreads by underground rhizomes as well as by seed.

520 #a Difficulty: EASY

520 #a Perennial

520 #a Open Pollinated

520 #a Container friendly

500 #a Generously donated by V. Williams, Vanier, ON

650 #a Ornamentals

650 #a Flowers

650 #a Gardening

650 #a Seed Library

650 #a Seeds

650 #a Aster

650 #a Container friendly

856 42 #z Cover Image #u <https://stthomaspubliclibrary.ca/covers/seeds/flowers.jpg>

907 #a .b12422502 #b 03-24-22 #c 01-26-21

998 #a seeds #b 01-26-21 #c - #d o #e - #f ena #a xxc #h 0

# Using 520: Describing the Seeds



Flowers

 **Seed  
Library**

## Aster : Flat-Topped (Doellingeria Umbellata)

☆☆☆☆☆ (0 ratings) ☆☆☆☆☆ Rate this ▾

+ Kit

Flat-topped Aster is an early bloomer, flowering in July with clusters of white petals and yellow centre disks. It is rhizomatous, meaning it spreads by underground rhizomes as well as by seed.

Difficulty: EASY

Perennial

Open Pollinated

Container friendly


[Read less ^](#)

Available

11 copies 6 available 0 on hold

[Availability by location >](#)

Place hold

 For Later





# Using 650: Advanced Searching

## Additional filters for Topic

Seeds (335)

Seed Library (333)

Vegetables (152)

Flowers (92)

Container friendly with trellis (57)

Herbs (29)

Greens (18)

Fruit (12)

Four O'Clock (10)

Lettuce (6)

Melon (6)

Pepper (6)

Carrot (5)

Watermelon (5)

Gardening (333)

Container friendly (154)

Pollinators (96)

Ornamentals (92)

Tomato (52)

Bean (23)

Squash (16)

Cucumber (10)

Corn (8)

Marigold (6)

Pea (6)

Aster (5)

Radish (5)

Milkweed (4)

# Pros and Cons










- Pros
  - Searchability for patrons
  - Ability to put the seeds on hold
  - Stats
- Cons
  - Labour intensive to start
  - How to check in an item that's not coming back
- Looking to the future
  - Creating a core collection
  - Updating images
  - Potential for additional search terms (soil types, sun exposure, etc.)
  - Linking seeds that work well together

# Hillsboro Public Library – Library of Things



- The Hillsboro Library of Things was established in 2014, with the rest of our county cooperative starting their Thing collections in 2018.
- Our cooperative uses the Polaris ILS, and we started using BiblioCommons in 2018.
- Currently our system has 930 bibliographic records for Things (2,504 item records) and 1,229 bibliographic records for board games (2,539 item records).

**BROOKWOOD & SHUTE PARK LIBRARY ITEMS BY CATEGORY**

 <b>Arts &amp; Crafts</b>	 <b>Bakeware</b>	 <b>Board Games</b>
 <b>Events &amp; Parties</b>	 <b>Home Equipment</b>	 <b>Musical Instruments</b>
 <b>Kitchenware</b>	 <b>Recreational Kits</b>	 <b>Science &amp; Technology</b>

**Library of Things**

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Borrow

Get Your Library Card

Search Catalog

My Account/Renew

E-Books and Digital Library

**Library of Things**

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**Board Game Collection**  
Try something new at family game night.

The Library of Things at Hillsboro Public Library offers things for patrons to checkout - from Arduino kits to ukuleles to cake pans. The collection supports lifelong learning and creativity by providing the physical tools necessary to explore new areas of interest and learn new skills.

You can check out over 350 unique things and more than 600 board games from this dynamic collection!

**Library of Things on YouTube**  
Check out these great videos showing the Library of Things in action!

Watch Videos

# BiblioCommons Advantages

- Before BiblioCommons, we linked from our webpage to the catalog using a title search for alternative titles that we added to the 246 fields in our bib records.
- We can now create more sophisticated links on our webpage that don't need the alternative titles, and we can limit by branch location.
- Most of our Things and board games now have images in the catalog.

Advanced search: **anywhere:("library of things instruments") (branch:"Hillsboro Shute Park Library" OR branch:"Hillsboro Brookwood Library")** [Save search](#)




Modify search

Filter your results by...

- Available Now
- Format
  - Other
  - 3D Object (38)
- New at the library...
- Content
- Audience
- Form/Genre
- Topic
- Regions
- Languages
- Published Date
- Rating
- Tags

Sort by: Relevance

1 to 10 of 35 results

	<h3>Soprano Ukulele</h3> <p>★★★★☆</p> <p>+ 3D Object - 2015?   CHECKOUT &amp; RETURN AT OWNING LIBRARY. Available <a href="#">View location availability</a></p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>
	<h3>Moog Theremini</h3> <p>★★★★☆</p> <p>+ 3D Object   CHECK OUT &amp; RETURN AT OWNING LIBRARY. All copies in use <a href="#">View location availability</a> Holds: 2 on 6 copies</p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>
	<h3>Kalimba</h3> <p>+ 3D Object - 2019   CHECKOUT &amp; RETURN TO THE OWNING LIBRARY. Available <a href="#">View location availability</a></p> <p>Place hold</p> <p>For Later</p>

← Search results

## Acoustic Electric Guitar

★★★★☆ (5 ratings) ☆☆☆☆☆ Rate this

+ 3D Object, 2018?

Full size acoustic electric guitar in hard case. Includes built-in tuner, strap, and instructional DVD.

All copies in use  
1 copy 1 on hold

Availability by location

Place hold

For Later

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### About

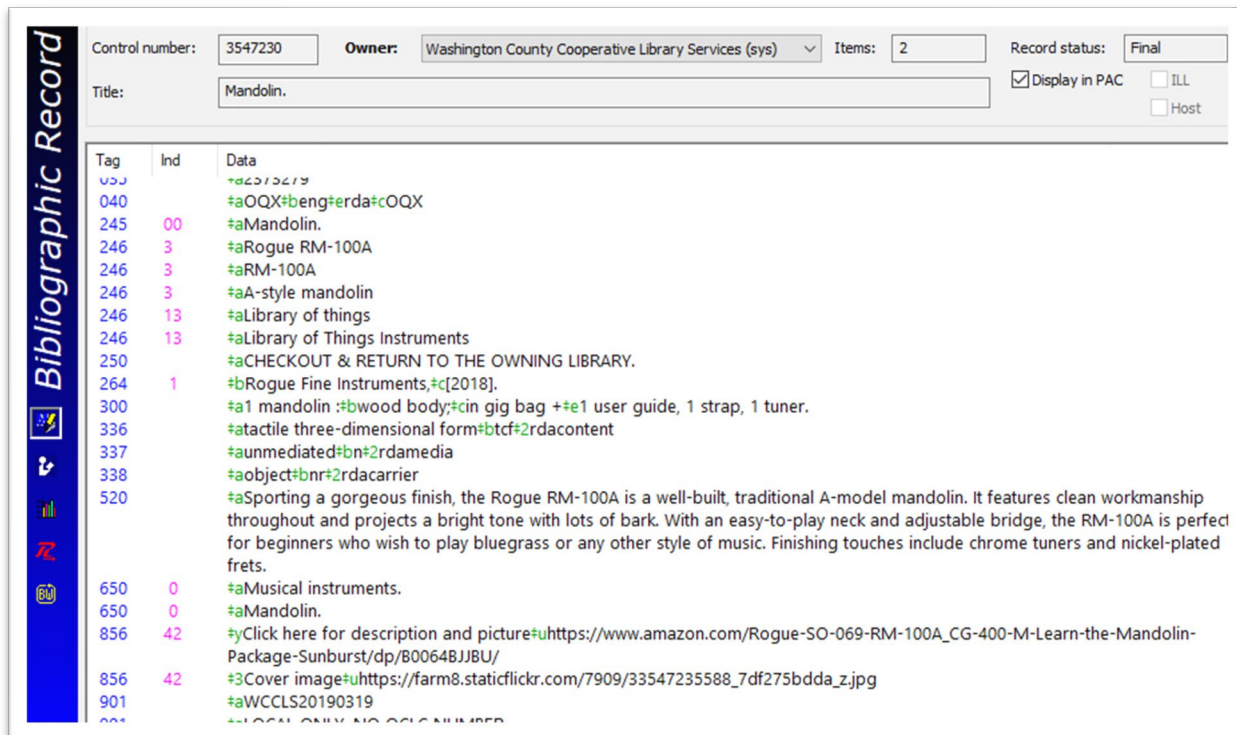
### Details

PUBLICATION [Buena Park, CA] : Yamaha Corporation of America, [2018?].

[Full details >](#)

# Adding Images to Our Bibliographic Records

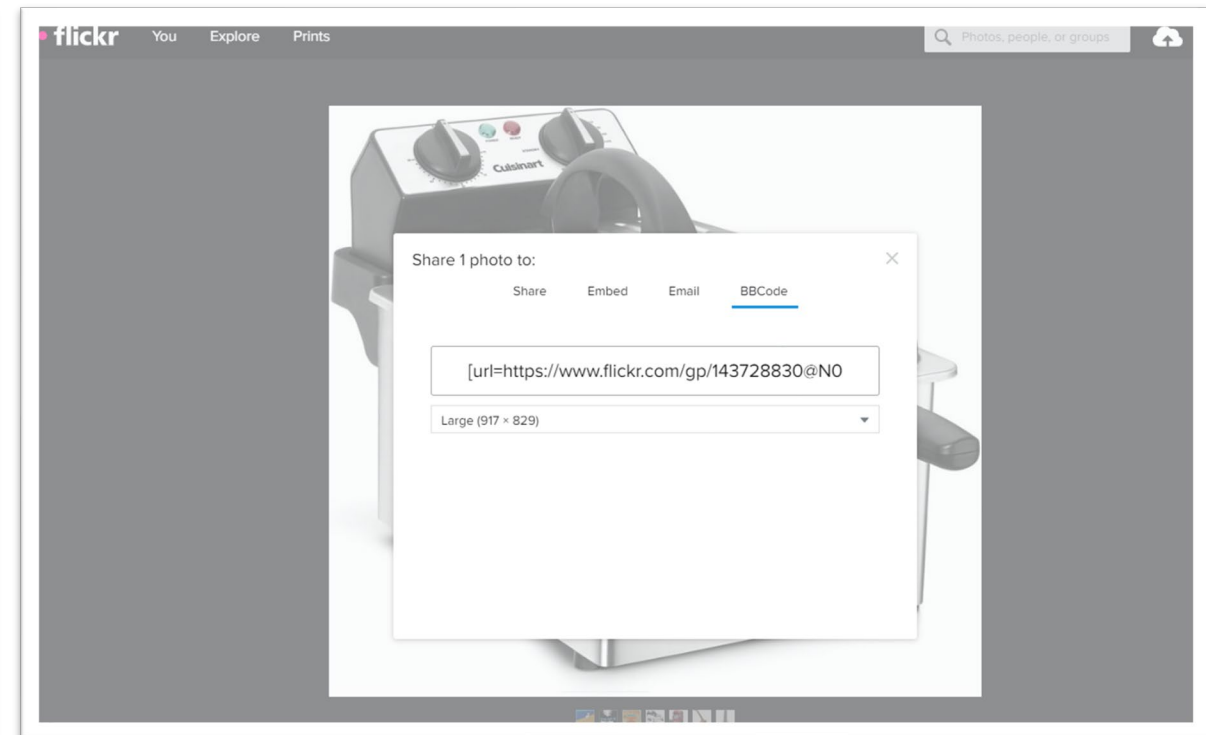
- After being warned off using inline linking in our records, each library started hosting their own images. Hillsboro created a free Flickr account for our images.
- Last year, Flickr limited free accounts to 100 images, so we upgraded to a Pro account to get unlimited storage and to keep our photos private.
- We get a static URL from Flickr, and add it to an 856 field in the bib record.



Control number: 3547230 Owner: Washington County Cooperative Library Services (sys) Items: 2 Record status: Final

Title: Mandolin.

Tag	Ind	Data
040		#aOQX#beng#erda#cOQX
245	00	#aMandolin.
246	3	#aRogue RM-100A
246	3	#aRM-100A
246	3	#aA-style mandolin
246	13	#aLibrary of things
246	13	#aLibrary of Things Instruments
250		#aCHECKOUT & RETURN TO THE OWNING LIBRARY.
264	1	#bRogue Fine Instruments,#c[2018].
300		#a1 mandolin :#bwood body:#cin gig bag ++e1 user guide, 1 strap, 1 tuner.
336		#atactile three-dimensional form#btf#2rdacontent
337		#aunmediated#bn#2rdamedia
338		#aobject#bnr#2rdacarrier
520		#aSporting a gorgeous finish, the Rogue RM-100A is a well-built, traditional A-model mandolin. It features clean workmanship throughout and projects a bright tone with lots of bark. With an easy-to-play neck and adjustable bridge, the RM-100A is perfect for beginners who wish to play bluegrass or any other style of music. Finishing touches include chrome tuners and nickel-plated frets.
650	0	#aMusical instruments.
650	0	#aMandolin.
856	42	#yClick here for description and picture#uhttps://www.amazon.com/Rogue-SO-069-RM-100A_CG-400-M-Learn-the-Mandolin-Package-Sunburst/dp/B0064BJBU/
856	42	#3Cover image#uhttps://farm8.staticflickr.com/7909/33547235588_7df275bdda_z.jpg
901		#aWCCLS20190319



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Photos, people, or groups

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Share Embed Email BBCode

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Large (917 × 829)

**Thank you!**