Vegetable gardening

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Vegetable gardening is making a comeback and a contributor to this fascination is the fact that more and more people are concerned with what they put on the family table. When you grow it yourself, you control what goes in the soil and on the plants, and you get to pick a much broader selection of vegetable varieties. They taste a whole lot better when they’re home grown.

If you’re thinking of growing a vegetable garden this year, you are not alone. Start small and expand as your interest and time permit. No summertime garden is complete without tomatoes. Also, bush cucumbers will fit in small gardens, and so will the bush summer squash varieties. They can be planted in nontraditional garden areas like flowerbeds or as a small addition to the landscape. You can interplant lettuce plants with your impatiens and harvest them long before the impatiens covers the area. You’ll get some salad greens and kill two birds with one stone.

One of the keys to vegetable gardening success is never to let the garden get too weedy. Weeds compete with vegetables for water and nutrients.

No garden is complete without a bird feeder. Use a seed mix designed to attract birds to the feeder. Change the bird seed from time to time to keep the birds coming. Hang a bird feeder in the garden and you’ll attract feathered friends to your garden, and the birds will eat the weeds out of the garden. The flowers and vegetables will be the tasty morsels for your table.

Virtual programming is found at facebook.com/owensvillebranch. Supplies for events (make-and-take kits) are available at the library.

* Seeds of the Month are Carrots. They are available Tuesday, April 6.
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**GARDEN SOLUTIONS**

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**January 10 a.m. Lil OWL’s Storytime**

**Thursday, April 1 5 p.m. Designer Mugs (adults)**

**Monday, April 5 4 p.m. Painted Rock Holder (grades K-5th)**

**Wednesday, April 7 10 a.m. Lil OWL’s Storytime 4 p.m. DIY Ping Pong Lights (grades 6+)**

**Thursday, April 8 5 p.m. C&S Folk Co. Concert**

**Friday, April 9 10 a.m. Meditation with Melody**

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