



FutureLab's Guide to Permaculture

Permaculture is the design and implementation of self-sustaining ecosystems for agriculture. The goal of permaculture is to create an environment that produces food in a way that requires minimal human intervention to maintain. Let's look at some resources to learn about permaculture!

Library of Congress Subject Headings:

- Permaculture
- Organic gardening
- Gardening
- Edible forest gardens
- Community gardens
- Agricultural ecology

DDC call number sections:

- 631.5 Cultivation and Harvesting
- 631.8 Composting
- 634 Fruits and Orchards
- 635 Domestic Food Gardening



Books

Permaculture: A Designer's Manual, written by Bill Mollison in 1988 and published by Ten Speed Press, is the seminal work on the topic, covering practical topics as well as theory. 631.584

Native American Gardening: Stories, Projects, and Recipes for Families, written by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac, and published by Fulcrum Publishing in 1996, talks about Indigenous agricultural practices and discusses permaculture topics from a Native American perspective. 635.089975

The Community Food Forest Handbook, written by Catherine Bukowski in 2018 and published by Chelsea Green Publishing, is the book you want if you're building a permaculture food garden to be shared with others. 635

Gaia's Garden: A Guide to Home-scale Permaculture, written by Toby Hemenway in 2009 and also published by Chelsea Green Publishing, is a great choice for getting started in your own yard. 635.048

These books and more can be found in the Cibus Silva wing of the library. See the call numbers listed above.



Videos

There are many videos available on the topic of permaculture, but among the best is the online **Permaculture Design Course** provided for free by Oregon State University. The videos are available on their YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/PermacultureVideos>

Websites

Around the United States, universities offer Extension Services, providing information about growing plants native to the area, growing season information, and providing soil testing and fertilizer recommendations. In Georgia, that service is provided by the University of Georgia. You can find more information at the **UGA Extension** website:

<https://extension.uga.edu/>



Databases

The library also has access to many digital resources on permaculture. For example, the **USDA Plant Database** provides all kinds of information about plants around the world. You can access this database and many more using the library computers, or online through the library's website. Ask our staff to show you how!

Seed Exchange

Every year, members of the community come together to exchange seeds for planting in their gardens. Please see the **Seed Exchange** display by the front entrance for details!



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