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Dig Up Gardening Ideas @ Your Library—Online & on the Shelves

Whether you're making that first attempt to beautify the backyard or are already a horticultural master, you can harvest all sorts of ideas from the Library's plentiful crop of gardening resources. To celebrate the growing season, members of the Library staff have put together a great list of helpful references and reading materials. To grow more in the know, find the complete list at <http://www.cincinnatiLibrary.org/booklists/?id=gardening>

Now that spring has arrived, it's time to turn your attention to planning your garden. Whatever your interest—from working with annuals, perennials and bulbs to creating dramatic container gardens—we have lots of resources to get you started!

Don't miss out on these gardening programs coming up in April and May:

Monday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.

Monfort Heights, 3825 West Fork Rd., 369-4472

Year-Round Gardening: Shade Favorites (Hostas and Heucheras and Hellebores...oh my!) presented by The White Oak Garden Center, adults

Tuesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Ridge, 6233 Montgomery Rd., 369-4488

Spring Gardening: Local master gardener Michele Dragga returns with advice for aspiring gardeners, adults Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00 p.m.

Anderson, 7450 State Rd., 369-6030

Spring Gardening presented by H.J. Benken Florist & Greenhouse, adults. Sponsored by the Anderson Township Library Association.

Saturday, April 22, 10:30 a.m.

Delhi Township, 5095 Foley Rd., 369-6019

Spring Gardening: Getting Your Garden Plants Ready to Be Their Best. A hands-on gardening program: soil preparation, plant selection and gardening wisdom with Ron Robben of Robben Florist & Greenhouses of Delhi, adults

Monday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Madeira, 7200 Miami Ave., 369-6028

What's New For the Coming Gardening Season? with Michael Benken of Benken Florist, 7:00 p.m., adults **FPL**

Special Programs for Children

Tuesday, April 11, 4:00 p.m.

Roselawn, 7617 Reading Rd., 369-6045

Fun with Flower Pots: Decorate Flower Pots with Mosaic Tiles, ages 6-14. Call to register. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Tuesday, April 18, 4:30 p.m.

Harrison, 10398 New Haven Road, 369-4442

Kids Gardening: Plant an "Initial" Garden with Linda Lehrter of Adopt a Plant, 4:30 p.m., ages 5-12

Books on Gardening/Garden Design

- *Theme Gardens* by Hazel White
- *P. Allen Smith's Color in the Garden: Creating Compelling Color Themes* by P. Allen Smith
- *Square Foot Gardening: A New Way to Garden in Less Space with Less Work* by Mel Bartholomew
- *Dog Friendly Gardens: Garden Friendly Dogs* by Cheryl S. Smith
- *You Grow Girl: The Groundbreaking Guide to Gardening* by Gayla Trail
- *Shade: Planting Solutions for Shady Gardens* by Keith Wiley
- *Shady Retreats: 20 Plans for Colorful, Private Spaces in Your Backyard* by Barbara W. Ellis
- *Urban Sanctuaries: Peaceful Havens for the City Gardener* by Stephen Anderton
- *No Time to Garden: The Half-Hour Gardener* by Anne Swithinbank
- *How to be A Gardener: Creating a Garden Using Touch, Taste, Smell, Sight & Hearing* by Alan Titchmarsh
- *Better Homes & Gardens New Garden Book*
- *The Water Garden Encyclopedia* by Philip Swindells
- *K.I.S.S. Guide to Gardening* by L. Patricia Kite
- *The Welcoming Garden: Designing Your Own Front Garden* by Gordon Hayward

Organic Gardening/Pest Control

- *The Gardener's A-Z Guide to Growing Organic Food* by Tanya Denckla
- *The Organic Home Garden: How to Grow Fruits & Vegetables Naturally* by Patrick Lima
- *Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Organic Gardening*
- *Great Garden Fix-Its: Organic Remedies for Everything from Aphids to Weeds*
- *Gardener to Gardener Almanac & Pest Control Primer: A Month-by-Month Guide and Journal for Planning, Planting and Tending Your Organic Garden*
- *Organic Gardening for the 21st Century* by John Fedor
- *Ann Lovejoy's Organic Garden Design School: A Guide to Creating Your Own Beautiful, Easy-Care Garden* by Ann Lovejoy
- *Joey Green's Gardening Magic: More Than 1,120 Ingenious Gardening Solutions Using Brand-name Products* by Joey Green

Container Gardening

- *P. Allen Smith's Container Gardens: 60 Container Recipes to Accent Your Garden* by P. Allen Smith

- *McGee & Stuckey's the Bountiful Container: A Container Garden of Vegetables, Herbs, Fruits and Edible Flowers* by Rose Marie Nichols McGee & Maggie Stuckey
- *Window Gardens: For Windows, Walls, Decks and Balconies* by Jane Forster
- *Can't Miss Container Gardening: Practical Solutions for Gardening Success* by Felder Rushing
- *Ortho's All About Container Gardening* by Sally Roth
- *Gardening in Containers: Creative Ideas from America's Best Gardeners*
- *Contain Yourself: 101 Fresh Ideas for Fantastic Container Gardens* by Kerstin P. Ouellet
- *Potted Gardens: A Fresh Approach to Container Gardening* by Rebecca Cole
- *Movable Harvests: Fruits, Vegetables, Berries: The Simplicity & Bounty of Container Gardens* by Chuck Crandall
- *Small-Space Gardening: How to Successfully Grow Flowers and Fruits in Containers and Pots* by Peter H. Loewer
- *Flowering Containers Through the Year: Over 150 Planting Recipes for Boxes, Baskets, Pots and Tubs* by Stephanie Donaldson

Flowers: Annuals, Perennials and Bulbs

- *The Perennial Gardener's Design Primer* by Stephanie Cohen
- *The Flower Gardener's Bible: Time-Tested Techniques, Creative Designs, and Perfect Plants for Colorful Gardens* by Lewis and Nancy Hill
- *Annuals for Every Purpose: Choose the Right Plants for Your Conditions, Your Garden and Your Taste* by Larry Hodgson
- *The Best Flowers for Midwest Gardens: The Plants You Need to Create Spectacular Low-Maintenance Gardens that Bloom with the Season—Year After Year* by Laara K. Duggan
- *Jerry Baker's Perfect Perennials!: Hundreds of Fantastic Flower Secrets for Your Garden* by Jerry Baker
- *The Mix and Match Color Guide to Annuals & Perennials* by Graham Strong
- *Annuals for Dummies* by Bill Marken
- *Annuals: a Growing Guide for Easy, Colorful Gardens* by Emma Sweeney
- *Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Perennials* by Ellen Phillips
- *Taylor's Guide to Perennials: More Than 600 Flowering and Foliage Plants, Including Ferns and Ornamental Grasses* by Barbara W. Ellis
- *Bulbs: A Growing Guide for Easy, Colorful Gardens* by Douglas Green
- *Ortho's All About Bulbs* by Marty Ross

Vegetables, Fruits, Edible Flowers

- *The Edible Garden* by Hazel White
- *The Gardener's Table: a Guide to Natural Vegetable Growing & Cooking* by Richard Merrill
- *Heirloom Vegetable Gardening: A Master Gardener's Guide to Planting, Growing, Seed Saving and Cultural History* by William Woys Weaver
- *Culinary Gardens: From Design to Palate* by Susan McClure
- *Miracle-Gro Guide to Growing Delicious Vegetables, Fruits & Herbs*
- *The Edible Flower Garden* by Rosalind Creasy
- *75 Exciting Vegetables for Your Garden* by Jack Staub

- *Edible Flowers From Garden to Palate* by Cathy Wilkinson Barash
- *Salad Gardens: Simple Secrets for Glorious Gardens—Indoors and Out* by Mimi Luebbermann
- *Growing Vegetables: A Basic Guide to Vegetable Gardening* by Robert J. Dolezal
- *Rodale's Garden Answers: Vegetables, Fruits and Herbs: At-a-Glance Solutions for Every Gardening Problem*

Herbs

- *The Big Book of Herbs: A Comprehensive Illustrated Reference to Herbs of Flavor and Fragrance* by Arthur O. Tucker and Thomas DeBaggio
- *Beginner's Guide to Herb Gardening* by Yvonne Cuthbertson
- *The Successful Herb Gardener: Growing and Using Herbs' Quickly and Easily* by Sally Roth
- *The Ultimate Herb Book* by Anthony Atha
- *Gifts from the Herb Garden* by Emelie Tolley
- *Herbal Tea Gardens: 22 Plans for Your Enjoyment & Well-being* by Marietta Marshall Marcin
- *Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs*
- *The Green Guide to Herb Gardening: Featuring the 10 Most Popular Herbs* by Deborah C. Harding
- *Wild About Herbs* by Roger Tabor
- *Herbs in Bloom: A Guide to Growing Herbs as Ornamental Plants* by Jo Ann Gardner
- *Designing an Herb Garden*
- *Your Backyard Herb Garden: A Gardener's Guide to Growing Over 50 Herbs Plus How to Use Them in Cooking, Crafts, Companion Planting and More* by Miranda Smith

Gardening Websites

- **Dave's Garden:** Gardener-friendly site with an extensive plant list, gardener's forums and the garden watchdog where people review garden catalogs and websites. <http://davesgarden.com/>
- **Vegetable MD Online:** Comprehensive list of plant diseases with a useful photo gallery for identifying problems. <http://vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/>
- **Cyndi's Catalog of Garden Catalogs:** Directory of over 2,000 garden mail order catalogs from the US and Canada. <http://www.gardenlist.com/>
- **American Horticulture Society:** Listing books, events, and tips from the country's expert gardeners. <http://www.ahs.org/>
- **The Garden Helper:** Useful resource for month-by-month advice on gardening, theme gardens, garden pests, and houseplants. Also includes a popular gardening forum. <http://www.thegardenhelper.com/>
- **HGTV Gardening:** Popular home and garden website with tips and advice on all aspects of gardening—from the very basics to designing a zen retreat. http://www.hgtv.com/hgtv/gardening/0,1784,HGTV_3546,00.html

- **GardenWeb:** Community forum, plant exchanges, a directory of organizations and clubs, events list, and Q & A's
<http://www.gardenweb.com/>
- **OhioLine Yard and Garden:** Fact sheets, web sites, newsletters, bulletins, and links on a wide variety of gardening topics.
<http://ohioline.osu.edu/lines/hygs.html>
- **Civic Garden Center of Greater Cincinnati:** Civic Center events and classes and information about local community gardens.
<http://www.civicingardencenter.org/>
- **OSU Horticulture Program:** List of special programs for home gardeners and information about OSU's Master Gardener Program.
<http://hamilton.osu.edu/hort/hort.htm>
- **BBC Gardening:** From across the pond, a fun site where you can design your own virtual garden without lifting a spade.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/>
- **P. Allen Smith:** Advice and tips from an award-winning garden designer.
<http://www.pallensmith.com/>
- **Rebecca's Garden:** Rebecca Koll hosts a nationally syndicated gardening show. <http://www.rebeccasgarden.com/>
- **Martha Stewart Gardening:** Martha "shares the creative principles and practical ideas that have made her America's most trusted guide to stylish living."
<http://www.marthastewart.com/page.jhtml;jsessionid=TN5S3H4O5QYRPWCKUUWSIIWYJKSS2JO0?type=learn-cat&id=cat243&navLevel=2&rsc=bottomnav>

Need more suggestions? Contact your local library and a reference librarian will be happy to assist you.

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✓ **Information about events at the Main Library and 41 branch libraries is available on the Internet site: www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.**