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The Vaudreuil-Dorion Library unveils its new *Jardinothèque* Seed Distribution Centre

Vaudreuil-Dorion, April 11, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will unveil its brand new *Jardinothèque* this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. This new service, located in the municipal library, features a variety of organic, local, ancestral and indigenous seeds (herbs, flowers and vegetables) that will be offered free of charge to members.

The goal of this project is to encourage urban agriculture among citizens. It aims to foster plant and insect biodiversity, promote indigenous and heritage seeds and showcase the gardening resources available at the library. This year, the *Jardinothèque* will offer 86 varieties of seeds. Members will be able to borrow them using their library card. Those who wish to do so will be able to return the seeds that they will harvest in the fall. Returning the seeds will be optional and reserved for experienced gardeners for this year. Workshops on seed conservation will be offered in the future to help citizens harvest the seeds of their plants and place them in envelopes that can be offered to the *Jardinothèque*.

The unveiling of the *Jardinothèque* will be followed by a lecture entitled "Le nouveau potager, le jardin comestible pour tous les espaces" at 7:00 p.m. presented by horticulturist Albert Mondor, columnist for the *Journal de Montréal* and author of nine books on horticulture.

In the fall of 2021, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion responded to the call by *Les Fleurons du Québec* and the Canadian Garden Council by declaring 2022 the Year of the Garden. The City is already taking several actions to promote gardening by providing its population with four community gardens and three self-service edible garden arrangements. Promoting healthy and diversified food options through urban agriculture and community gardens among other things, is an integral part of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Strategic Plan 2020 > 2025. It should be noted that the City also received its certification as a Monarch-friendly City in June 2021.