Time to start planting things! The UWMC Library has several books about gardening to check out. You can also learn benefits, trends, and tips of gardening in the library’s database Environment Complete.

**Ask a Librarian for details!**

Not sure what to plant this year? Try one of these four “All-America Selections.”

All-America Selections is a group that has been testing new garden seed varieties for nearly 80 years and promote new varieties that have demonstrated superior performance in gardens.

**‘MASCOTTE’ BUSH BEAN**

‘Mascotte’ is the first bean to win an All-America Selections award since 1991. This compact bush bean fits well in today’s small-space gardens, and it works well in containers, too.

**‘SPARKLE WHITE’ GAURA**

Perennial ‘Sparkle White’ gaura (Gaara lindheimeri ‘Sparkle White’) brings airy elegance to the garden. It can be grouped in a mass planting or mixed with other perennials, and it also takes well to large containers.

**ZINNIA ‘PROFUSION DOUBLE DEEP SALMON’**

‘Profusion Double Deep Salmon’ zinnia features intensely vibrant pink-orange flowers with double petals. Like other Profusion zinnias, it flowers continuously from spring through frost. The flowers can be 3 inches across, on plants growing 14 inches tall and 24 inches wide.

**ZINNIA ‘PROFUSION DOUBLE HOT CHERRY’**

This zinnia blooms in rich rose, with double-petaled flowers appearing continuously from spring through frost. The bright color does not fade, even in high heat. ‘Profusion Double Hot Cherry’ is easy to grow and is self-cleaning and disease resistant.


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Celebrate Earth Day on April 22 and Arbor Day on April 25!

- Did you know Earth Day was founded by former WI governor and U.S. State Senator Gaylord Nelson?
- Wisconsin’s official tree is the sugar maple.
- The first observation of Earth Day was held in 1970.