



Libraries Need Bees Too! Grant Whole Foods Market Southern Region + The Bee Cause Project

Happy National Pollinator Week! We are excited to be part of this celebration of the beauty and wonder of pollinators while showering our public libraries with lots of love! We hope that you will take this opportunity to share these offerings with your staff and community. This guide provides all of the details and ensures your success with this amazing project.

In 2007, the U.S. Senate unanimously designated the third week of June as **National Pollinator Week** to bring awareness to the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. This June 21-27 is more than a celebration of the importance of bats, beetles, butterflies, and bees! It is a call to action for all of us to make changes in our own communities as we learn to *Bee A Friend to Pollinators*. Learn more about [National Pollinator Week](https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week) (<https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week>).

The Purpose of This Grant

Your neighborhood **Whole Foods Market Southern Region** believes that *Libraries Need Bees Too!* Through this grant, we hope to help you make small changes to improve pollinator habitats and promote even bigger changes in your community while supporting pollinator literacy. We've provided the tools that you need to create your own *Bee A Friend to Pollinators* Community Event this year. Read on to learn more!

What's Inside:

Please take a moment to go through this checklist and be sure that you have received all of the items from this **Libraries Need Bees Too Grant Box**, sponsored by Whole Foods Market. If for any reason an item is missing, email us at info@thebeecause.org. All printed materials and resources can be found at [Library Grant](https://www.thebeecause.org/the-library-grant/) (<https://www.thebeecause.org/the-library-grant/>).

- 1 copy of each of the following book titles
 - *Flight of the Honey Bee* by Raymond Huber
 - *The Bee Tree* by Patricia Polacco
 - *What If There Were No Bees? A Book About the Grassland Ecosystem* by Suzanne Slade
 - *The Thing About Bees: A Love Letter* by Shabazz Larkin
 - *The Honey Makers* by Gail Gibbons
 - *The Beeman* by Laurie Krebs and Valeria Cis
 - *The World of Bees* By Cristina Banfi
 - *Honeybees and Frenemies* by Krisi Wientge

- *Farmer Will Allen and The Growing Table* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
- *Our School Garden* by Rick Swann
- **Pollinator Garden Box** for your library to display outdoors
- **Screen bottom with wooden frame and lining** - for use under the Pollinator Garden Box
- ***Bee A Friend to Pollinators* Sign** to display along with your Pollinator Garden Box
- **Mason Bee House**
- ***Bee A Friend to Pollinators* Poster** - for display inside of the library
- ***Bee A Friend to Pollinators* lesson plan** - you are welcomed to make copies as needed
- A **stipend** will be provided to your main library or library foundation to be distributed to your local branch for **soil and planting materials** to fill your Pollinator Garden Box
- **(3) DIY Pollinator Garden Boxes** for a giveaway to your community (delivered separately)

Getting Started

We understand that library branches are re-opening slowly. We trust the staff to implement the programming in a way that works best. We hope that each branch will use the books and promote them in the branches as soon as possible. The pollinator garden boxes and the DIY pollinator garden box packets are meant to be used as part of a community event. Although not required to receive this grant, we would like for each branch to use their stipend for soil and plant materials by Pollinator Week 2022.

Stay In Touch with The Bee Cause Project

We want to stay connected with you and support your community beyond this **Pollinator Week** celebration. We will share a Google Form through email so that we can learn more about you, your community, and your upcoming *Bee A Friend to Pollinators* Community Event. Please join our [OER Commons Group](https://www.oercommons.org/groups/the-bee-cause-project/5505/) (<https://www.oercommons.org/groups/the-bee-cause-project/5505/>) for all of our lesson plans, virtual field trips, book club challenges, and more!

Follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** at The Bee Cause! Please share and tag us in pictures of your community event with [@thebeecause](#), [@wholefoodsmarket](#), and [#LibrariesNeesBeesToo](#) so that we can find your posts and encourage others to participate as well. [Sign up here](#) for our monthly newsletter at (<https://www.thebeecause.org/buzz-newsletter/>).

We strive to promote small and local businesses whenever possible. We hope that you use your grant stipend at your local nursery to purchase your soil and plants. Luckily, there are many businesses that believe in our mission and work hard to support environmental stewardship in numerous ways. We want to give a special thank you to our partners who have helped us to produce the materials you will find inside!

Thank You To Our Partners for Their Support!

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