

COMMUNITY

Preschool Gardening 101 taking root

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Tots, along with some of their brothers and sisters, who attended Preschool Gardening 101 had a whole list of important things to do last Saturday at the Broken Arrow Library South.

Their check-off list included:

--Make a ladybug for your garden.

--Read books about gardening.

--Make a seed packet to fill with magic beans and draw a picture of what you think will grow when you plant them.

--Visit the seed station and look at real seeds.

--Sing songs about gardening.

--Label the parts of the plant and visit the writing table to draw a plant and color a garden.

--Take a picture of yourself as a flower!

Helpers Tzi-on Wing, Jeffrey Thomas, Raegan Reeves, Baylee Haggard and Kendall Fowler assisted the children at library tables and later helped plant the leftover seeds to hand out in eco-friendly pots to people who visited the library the rest of the day.

Given the looks on the faces of the children, the most fun was painting a ladybug rock for the garden. There was one big choice to make. The children had to choose between planting a morning glory, a nasturtium or basil.

The seeds came from the Tulsa Library seed garden said librarian Holly Embry. If those taking plants home get more seeds from their flower, they can turn the seeds in at the library so the growing programs can continue.



1. Sophia Conner is spell-bound by the plant she is going to take home and plant in her garden. **2.** The children in Preschool Gardening 101 painted a lady bug for their garden. **3.** Regular helpers at the library, Baylee Haggard, left, and Kendall Fowler, help librarian Holly Embry plant the last of the seeds. These will be given out through the day to patrons of the library. **4.** The children gone, Raegan Reeves starts cleaning the brushes used to paint rocks to look like ladybugs. **5.** Katherine Conner looks on with love as her daughters, Sophia, center, and Katherine paint a ladybug for their garden.