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Hanover Township partners with Poplar Creek Library to teach youth

Hanover Township's tower gardens that were once housed in the Stars-n-Stripes Café of the Township Senior Center are now on display in the children's section of the Poplar Creek Library in Streamwood.

Poplar Creek Library is using the towers to teach youth about growing fresh, nutritious vegetables. The towers use aeroponics, the use of mist and air, to grow almost any type of vegetable, herb or flower without the use of soil. Each tower has a 20 gallon reservoir in its base that stores a mineral blend solution which is pumped through the garden to feed the plants. Tower gardens generate up to 30% more produce than traditional growing methods.

Once the food is ripened, it will be brought back to the café to be used for ingredients in meals for residents.

"We're so excited to have the tower gardens in the Children's Departments – it's such an awesome way to partner with the Township," said Elizabeth Drennan, Head of Children's Services at Poplar Creek Library. "The garden has already generated a lot of interest, and it's a great chance to encourage kids to grow their own food."

Hanover Township and Poplar Creek Library encourage residents to visit the main branch of the library at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood to see the garden towers and learn more about what they have to offer.

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