

FY19 Major Projects Activities

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Engaging Non-Users through Super Users	- Library-facilitated super-user/non-user gatherings, outside of the Library, which introduce the library services to non-users. The host would be a library supporter who has personal connections with and has built trust with those invited. The gatherings would be an informal environment including a presentation by library staff about what collections/ programs/ services non-users may be interested in, and a talk by the host about what the library means to them and what collections/ programs/ services they most value. Hosts could be Trustees, Friends, Foundation members, but also patrons and other members of the community who use and value the Library.	Administration Staff for Presentations	Fall 2018 Complete pilot June 2019	Community and Connections	Friends fund refreshments

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Putterham Collection Weeding and Shifting Project	<p>The Adult Non-Fiction and Children’s Non-Fiction Collections will be weeded.</p> <p>Collections will be shifted to consolidate sections.</p> <p>Patron wayfinding will be improved.</p>	<p>Custodians Administration Children’s Technical Services Putterham</p>	<p>Start: July 2018 Completion Target: January 2019</p>	<p>Collections User Experience</p>	

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Outreach to Community	<p>Establish outreach to local schools including public and private and assisted living facilities.</p> <p>Library card creation will increase.</p>	<p>Putterham</p>	<p>Start: July 2018 Completion Target: June 2019</p>	<p>Community Connections Learning and Culture</p>	<p>Staff Programming Budget Children’s Programming Budget</p>

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“Borrow an Expert”: Human Library Project	Library staff would be available to borrow (in-library use only) for 30-minute or 1-hour conversations concerning the staff member’s area of expertise, for example “I will play board games with you,” “I’m a pop culture wiz,” “I like to knit/quilt,” and “I will speak French with you.” A “Meet our Human Library Experts” launch party would kick off this program.	Administration, Reference, Circulation, Children’s, Custodial, Coolidge, Putterham	Start: April 2019 Completion Target: June 2019	Community Connections	Staff Programming Committee (for launch party)

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Makerspace-tinkering space and special programming	To create an initial makerspace for patrons using low tech solutions and special programming. This will gauge public interest/needs/wants for moving forward with a more sophisticated space next year. We plan on pursuing grant opportunities to implement in FY20.	Children’s, Teen, Reference, Technology	Start: 7/1/18	Community Connections, Learning and Culture, Innovation and Technology	Flaherty Fund, Foundation programming budget, Materials budget

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Coolidge Corner Renovation	To complete the renovation of the Coolidge Corner library begun in FY18.	CC, Admin, Coll Dev, IT	Start: 7/1/18	All	CIP, Trustees, Foundation, Friends, Bldg Dept

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Engaging Underserved Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build up engagement with underserved populations • Identify possible partners within the community • Attend/represent the library in different community activities • Identify and apply for grants to promote library services or other outreach initiatives • Raise awareness about cultural competency • Discuss issues and strategies to attend the disengaged populations • Support and propose activities for the Programming Committee to engage underserved populations 	Reference, Putterham, Tech Services, Coolidge Corner	Start: 7/1/18	All	CIP, Trustees, Foundation, Friends, Bldg Dept