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### FY 23 Major Projects Activities

Approved by the Public Library of Brookline Board of Trustees: 4/12/2022

Title	Scope	Depts. Impacted	Status	Strategic Principle	Funding Source
<b>Increase Programming Outreach to Seniors</b>	Many of our senior patrons are still having trouble adjusting to an entirely new lifestyle due to COVID, and many continue to feel isolated. The Library will revamp our Library Connection program, through continued collaboration with Mutual Aid Brookline and the Brookline Senior	Circulation Reference Putt/CC		Community Connections, Learning & Culture Innovation & Technology	Existing appropriation



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<b>Integrating Hybrid Programming</b>	Completely integrating synchronous and asynchronous hybrid programming for a seamless patron experience while focusing on accessibility and equity for users	All		User Experience Innovation & Technology	Existing appropriation



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<b>Adult Collection Diversity Audits</b>	Create an official method for purchase of books based on data from diversity audits. Create guides, calendars, and progress goalposts for FY23 and each year after.	Technical Services, Reference, Putterham, Coolidge Corner		User Experience Collections Learning & Culture	Existing appropriation



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<b>Creating Accessibility for Neurodiverse Patrons</b>	Make the library a more accessible space for children and adult patrons who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory sensitivities. Add fidget toys, light diffusing glasses, noise-canceling headphones, weighted lap pads, and diverse seating to the in-library-use collection. In-person or video training for staff. Turning current meeting and study rooms into spaces able to act as low sensory input reading spaces by controlling light and sound. Programs designed to be accessible to neurodivergent patrons.	Technical Services, Putterham		User Experience Collections Learning & Culture	Existing appropriation Possible Friends grant

