

## Libraries Innovation Fund (2021-22) Selection Criteria

### *Primary criteria for Friends Group funding stream (up to £1000 per library)*

1. **Supports and encourages** the development of the **Library Friends Group**
  2. Helps the Library Friends Group **deliver community-led ideas**
  3. Creates **learning** for other Library Friends Groups
  4. Explains how the activities will be **viable in that library**
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### *Primary Criteria for Open funding stream (up to £3000 per library)*

1. Delivers against one of the **strategic themes**, at least:
  1. **Empower and Care:** Libraries work with the community and partners to empower local communities and individuals to increase independence and mutual support
  2. **Fair and Inclusive:** Libraries help to improve economic and social equality, through development of literacy, skills and learning opportunities in libraries
  3. **Connect people in communities:** Libraries help connect people face to face and digitally; libraries bring communities together to share stories and experiences;
  4. **Support and enable wellbeing:** Libraries promote mental and physical wellbeing; libraries connect people in poverty with opportunities, people and jobs; libraries support Bristol's ambition to be a leading City of Culture;

2. **Engages people** in creative and imaginative ways
3. Helps people in a library **deliver community-led ideas**
4. Helps people in a library **meet community needs**
5. **Impacts positively** the community around the library
6. **Creates learning** for other libraries and their communities
7. **Shows understanding** for what is needed to make the activity happen, and be successful

***Balancing criteria for Open funding stream:***

- Variation in scale and type of activities;
- Variation geographically
- Variation in the strategic themes across libraries;
- Variation in activities across all of the libraries so there is a spread of innovation looking to:
  - Bring the library and communities together
  - Improve the space within library buildings
  - Improve how the library service is delivered