

2026 Literacy Coalition Literacy Champions Grant – Multi-Branch

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a Literacy Coalition 2026 Literacy Champion Grant at Beauchamp, Betts, Mundy, and White Branch Libraries. If awarded, funding will go towards a pilot Summer Book Buddies Program at OCPL. Stipends will be paid to community members who wish to serve as Book Buddies in these branches, as well as individuals to schedule and oversee the program during an 8-week period in the summer. Intended outcomes of Summer Book Buddies are to help combat the Summer Learning Slide, connect children and young adults with enriching summer experiences, and have a positive impact on reading scores in our communities. The budget for this grant will not exceed \$10,000.