

### **M&T Grant for Summer Reading – OCPL**

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an M&T Charitable Foundation Grant application for the eleven Central Library, Branch, and Community Center locations. The funds awarded will be allocated towards supporting the 2026 Summer Reading Program performers and reading incentives. This opportunity will help us to better support the children and families in their community. We are requesting \$15,000 in funding, which is a \$2,000 increase from last year to take into account inflation and increased performer costs. This year was our tenth year of receiving the M&T Charitable Foundation Grant and the \$13,000 we received for the 2025 Summer Reading Program was used to fund forty-two performances with over 1,400 attendees. The grant also allowed us to purchase incentive prizes for our Summer Reading Program in which 700 children and teens participated.