

Literacy Coalition Champions Grant – Central & Branches

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a Literacy Coalition Champions Grant for Central and all city branches. The funds will go towards new books in our Early Reader collections, in addition to training for librarians in the Science of Reading. The grant will focus specifically on Early Readers in Levels 1 and 2, to reach our youngest patrons and replenish collections that have not received updates in several years. The Science of Reading is an emerging way to teach kids how to read, developed with the help of neurological research, that breaks down words into their parts so students can learn how words are built and what each part means. This professional development opportunity will help librarians use their Early Reader collections more effectively to develop story times based on principles in the Science of Reading. The budget for this grant will not exceed \$5,000.