

CLRC Catalyst Grant – Mundy Branch

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a CLRC Catalyst Grant for Mundy Branch Library. If awarded, funds will go towards a new outreach program with Huntington Family Center. Mundy staff began an afterschool program at Huntington during which they work with the students on literacy skills and promoting positive feelings about reading. One of their popular activities is reading plays, and with grant funding they hope to be able to put on a production of *Lord of the Pies*, a parody of *Lord of the Flies* written for middle schoolers. So far, this popular program has 43 participants. The budget for this grant will be \$1,500.

TNT Special Project Requests – Hazard Branch

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a TNT Special Project Request for Hazard Branch. If awarded, funds will go towards Hazard’s popular monthly Take and Bake kits, which include dry ingredients and a recipe card to take home. Community members love this program and look forward to each new dish, and they learn new cooking skills while feeling empowered to cook more at home. The total budget for this grant will be \$350.

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a TNT Special Project Request for Hazard Branch. If awarded, funds will go towards their 2026 Quick Bites programs, which feature recipes with minimal ingredients that take 15 minutes or less to make. This program features no-bake or low-bake recipes that both kids and adults can easily make at home. The total budget for this grant will be \$200.

CLRC Catalyst Grant – Betts Branch

The Onondaga County Public Library is submitting an application for a CLRC Catalyst Grant for Betts Branch Library. If awarded, funds will go towards a new “Level Up @ Betts Library” project to enhance community engagement with young people at the library through interactive gaming. The library will purchase consoles, games, controllers, comfortable seating, and storage solutions for in-library usage. Once established, the Level Up program can provide a safe space for gaming as well as opportunities for participants to socialize and expand their gaming community. The budget for this grant will be \$2,000.