# FLLS Family Literacy Mini-Grants

The Finger Lakes Library System is offering mini-grants to member libraries as part of the 2019-2022 New York State Family Literacy Library Program Grant: *Ready to Read at New York Libraries through Public Library Systems*. For the 2020-2021 grant year, $6,000 is available for mini-grants and each member library may apply for up to $250. The mini-grants may be used to purchase supplies and materials to support the library’s early literacy work. Applications are being accepted from April 23, 2021 through May 7, 2021.

Mini-grant requirements:

* applicants must be libraries that are members of the Finger Lakes Library System,
* materials to be purchased must support the early literacy work of the library,
* applications must clearly indicate what is to be purchased (e.g. "storytime supplies" is not a sufficient description, but "child safety scissors, glue sticks, and storage bins" would be acceptable),
* purchased materials must be labeled “Purchased with funds from the New York State Library’s Family Literacy Library Services Program” (pre-printed labels will be available from FLLS),
* the grant will NOT cover food or taxes on purchases,
* to be reimbursed for grant purchases, recipients must fill out a Reimbursement Request and attach receipts,
* all purchases for reimbursement must be made by June 1, the reimbursement paperwork completed by June 4, and the final report submitted by June 9.

This mini-grant cycle may be competitive, based on the number of libraries that apply. Applications will be evaluated on clarity of what is to be purchased and how the purchase(s) tie into the library’s early literacy work.

# Mini-Grant Application Questions

1. Contact information
   1. Library:
   2. Contact person:
   3. Email/phone:
2. How much money are you requesting? You may request up to $250.
3. What do you plan to purchase?
4. How do you plan to use your purchase? How will it build upon the early literacy work you already do?
5. Will your purchase be completed by June 1, 2021?
6. How will you determine the success of this mini-grant, if you receive it?

**Due: Friday, May 7, 2021**

The mini-grant application is an online survey available on the FLLS website at <http://www.flls.org/earlyliteracy/>.