FERGUSON LIBRARIAN CHOSEN FOR ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL COMMITTEE

STAMFORD, March 16, 2017 – Elizabeth Joseph, Coordinator of Information and Adult Services at The Ferguson Library, has been chosen as a member of the 2018 Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence Selection Committee.

The committee, comprised of seven library experts who work with adult readers, will select titles for the longlist for the prestigious Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction.

Elizabeth Joseph has held the role of Coordinator of Information and Adult services at The Ferguson Library in Stamford for three years. A 2015 Library Journal “Mover and Shaker,” she is responsible for collection development, community outreach, and programming for adults.

“This is a profound honor,” said Ms. Joseph. “It has been a lifelong professional aspiration to serve on the Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence Selection Committee. As someone who lives and breathes books, I look forward to a year of magical reading and thinking.”
The Andrew Carnegie Medals were established in 2012 by the American Library Association (ALA) and Carnegie Corporation of New York to recognize the best fiction and nonfiction books written for adult readers and published in the U.S. in the previous year. They are the first single-book awards for adult titles given by the American Library Association and are cosponsored and administered by Booklist and the Reference and User Services Association.

The 2018 longlist will be announced in September 2017, followed in October by the six-title shortlist—three each for the fiction and nonfiction medals. The two winning titles will be revealed at the RUSA Book and Media Awards event at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in February, 2018. The celebratory event will take place at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in June 2018.

The Ferguson Library is Stamford’s public library system, consisting of the Main Library, DiMattia Building; the Harry Bennett Branch; the Weed Memorial & Hollander Branch; the South End Branch and a traveling Bookmobile. It provides free and equal access to information, ideas, books and technology to educate and enrich the Stamford community.