Ferguson Library President Alice Knapp has been awarded the Fairfield County Bar Association’s Liberty Bell Award, which acknowledges outstanding community service by a layperson as well as the promotion of civic responsibility and community involvement.

Ferguson Staff Honored for Work in the Community

Edward H. Schuster
Steven M. Frederick, Vice-Chair
Ellen Bromley, Chair
Moira Lyons
William S. Callion, Jr.
Barbara Thom as,
Friends of The Ferguson Library

Friends Book Shop
In celebration of national Children’s Book Week, the Book Shop will offer a 50% discount on all children’s books May 1 – 13. Also, look for special Mother’s Day and Memorial Day displays.

Literture Competition Awards
Congratulations to all the winners of the Stamford Literature Competition. The contest recognizes the best in student writing in Stamford.

Ferguson World Languages & Literacy Librarian Yelena Klompus has been honored as Building One Community’s Land of Opportunity Award, which recognizes a local resident who immigrated to the greater Stamford area and whose own personal success as well as their contributions to the community as a whole.

Ferguson Receives CT Preservation Award
The Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded The Ferguson Library a 2017 Connecticut Preservation Award, an honor which recognizes outstanding preservation projects and people who have made significant contributions to the preservation of Connecticut’s historic buildings and places.

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The Ferguson Library was recognized for repairing and restoring the columns, entablature, roof parapets and front doors of the Main Library, DiMattia Building and restoring the iconic 1909 building to its historic appearance. The project, overseen by Silver, Petrucci & Associates, A. P. Construction, and Koenenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc. was initiated after fire damaged one of the front columns. It was funded by the city of Stamford and a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office.

Friday, May 26 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson’s Auditorium

Virginia Tech Librarian Laurel Stock will moderate a panel of experts, including UConn Libraries Dean of Collections Marietta Camerini, The Ferguson Library’s Head of Budgeting and Finance Maria Capone, and professor of library science Elizabeth Schieftel from Pace University, as they discuss the impact of new technology on public libraries.

The Ferguson will also participate in the ART-WALK in Stamford Downtown Friday, June 23.

Focus on Ferguson

Please remember us in your planned giving.
For information please call Linda Avallone at 203 351-8208 or linda@fergusonlibrary.org

Fiction Writers Conference June 3
Take your writing to the next level

Always wanted to write that story? Not sure what to do next? You won’t want to miss our Fiction Writers’ Conference, co-sponsored by the Mystery Writers of America, New York Chapter (MWA/NY) on Saturday, June 3 at the Main Library. You don’t have to write mystery—it’s open to all fiction writers and includes a full day of sessions (9 a.m. – 5 p.m.) with workshops from best-selling and award-winning authors like Reed Farrell Coleman, Lyndsay Faye, Jane Ciolan, Charles S albog, Chris Knopf and more. Registration is $75 (65 for MWA members, students and seniors). Includes boxed lunch, coffee and wine wrap up party. Register online or call 203 351-8211 for information.

Art at The Ferguson

Join us for the opening of our summer art exhibit, Art in the Environment, Thursday, May 18 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson’s Auditorium.

The juried show, curated by the Stamford Art Association, will run through September.

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From the President’s Desk
Thank you for supporting The Ferguson Library. We had record attendance at our annual gala, A Novel Affair, and raised over $240,000 for library services.

In a recent article in The Atlantic, “Fear of Americans — Visiting Local Libraries and Technology Isn’t to Blame,” Robinson Meyer analyzes a recent Pew Report and concludes that visits and circulation are down at public libraries due to lack of adequate funding. Certainly in Stamford, we saw growth in circulation and attendance during the first decade of this century when the Library was open more hours and the materials budget was significantly higher. And since city funding is up and we have increased our fundraising efforts, attendance has started to rebound to pre-recession numbers.

Your generosity makes a huge difference in helping us serve the community. We are so grateful for your support.

– Alice Knapp, President

A Novel Affair Raises $244,000 for the Library
Thanks to everyone who helped make A Novel Affair a success! We raised $244,000 to support library services and collections, and we couldn’t have done it without all of you. Thank you to our generous sponsors, participating food and beverage providers, and all the guests and volunteers who helped make this a fabulous evening! Please see our photo gallery with more great pictures of the event on our website, under SupportNewAffair.

VR Hackathon
Join us for a weekend of code, community and fun as we build virtual reality projects using Unity, Unreal Engine, WebVR and more.

The VR Hackathon is Friday, May 5 to Sunday May 7. Students, engineers, coders, designers, developers, entrepreneurs, and hobbyists are welcome. Ages 16 and 17 may participate, but must be accompanied by a legal guardian. Register at fergusonlibrary.convention.

Merger Intellect
Looking for business information? Our new database, Merger Intellect features a deep collection of worldwide business information that lets companies generate insightful business intelligence. Merger Intellect offers access to private and public U.S. and international business data, industry news, facts and figures, executive contact information, the ability to access industry profiles and much more. You can find Merger Intellect on the Research page of our website under A to Z databases. Sign in with your Ferguson Library card.

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