FERGUSON LIBRARY RECEIVES CT PRESERVATION AWARD FOR MAIN LIBRARY RESTORATION WORK

STAMFORD, March 31, 2017 – 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.

The Library was recognized for repairing and restoring the columns, entablature, roof parapets and front doors of the Main Library, DiMattia Building in downtown Stamford, restoring the iconic 1909 building to its historic appearance. The project, overseen by Silver, Petrucelli & Associates; A. P. Construction; and Kronenberger & Sons Restoration, Inc. was initiated after fire damaged one of the front columns.

“Our 2017 awards recognize a diverse range of historic preservation projects and achievements from across Connecticut,” said Daniel Mackay, Executive Director of the Connecticut Trust. “Each person and project that the Trust has recognized demonstrates the skill and determination required to protect our state’s rich architectural and cultural heritage.”

“We are deeply honored to receive this award from the Connecticut Trust,” said Alice Knapp, President of The Ferguson Library. “This building is a treasure and we wanted to make sure the work we undertook reflected its historic importance. It was incredible to us to see the transformation as layers of paint were scraped off and the columns and parapets restored. Preservation work is never easy, but it is so vitally important.”
The project was funded by the city of Stamford and a grant from the State Historic Preservation Office.

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.