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A NOVEL AFFAIR,
TO HONOR ERNEST N. ABATE

STAMFORD, December 1, 2015 – The Ferguson Library’s major fundraiser, A Novel Affair, scheduled for April 14, 2016, will honor Ernest N. Abate, community leader, partner of the law firm of Abate & Abate, LLC and former Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives.

A Novel Affair, now in its sixth year, is The Ferguson Library’s signature benefit. The Library will honor Mr. Abate with The Ferguson Award for his longstanding service to the Library and the Stamford community. Mr. Abate served five terms on The Ferguson’s Board of Trustees, four times as chair, and as a Director of the Herbert & Nell Singer Foundation he was instrumental in securing the funding to keep the Main Library open on Sundays.

“I’m deeply honored to be chosen for The Ferguson Award,” Mr. Abate said.

“The Ferguson Library is one of the most important institutions in our community. It provides services without bias or judgment as to whom it serves. It serves everyone in the community irrespective of whether they have lived here their entire lives or are new residents in need of services. There is no other place that levels the playing field like the public library.”
Greg Caggainello, Chair of The Ferguson Library’s Board of Trustees said, “I can’t think of anyone more deserving than Ernie. He has given so much to The Ferguson Library and to our city and state over the years. We’re delighted to recognize him for his dedication and commitment.”

_A Novel Affair_ will be held at the Main Library, DiMattia Building, One Public Library Plaza, Stamford on Thursday, April 14 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. The event features small plates from some of Stamford’s most popular restaurants, live and silent auctions and wine and craft beer tastings. There will also be a ‘Giving Bookshelf’ to help the Library put books on the shelf. Last year’s event drew 320 guests and raised $160,000 for the Library.

For sponsorship or advertising information, please contact Linda Avellar at linda@fergusonlibrary.org or 203 351-8208. Tickets will go on sale in January.