FERGUSON LIBRARY AWARDED $10,000 GRANT TO EXPAND
LITERACY AND JOB SKILLS PROGRAMS

STAMFORD, February 9, 2018 – The Ferguson Library has been selected as one of 20 public libraries nationwide to receive a $10,000 American Dream Literacy Initiative grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

The funds will enable the library to expand literacy services such as advanced English language learning, business English writing and speaking, and resume, cover letter and interviewing workshops. In addition to English language proficiency programs, the grant will allow the library to strengthen literacy and workforce development collections and resources.

The Ferguson was selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process. Eighty-five public libraries applied for the 20 available grants. This is second time The Ferguson has been awarded this grant.

The American Dream Literacy Initiative strives to develop tools and resources for libraries and library staff to provide effective literacy services to adult English language learners in their communities and across the country. The grants allow libraries to augment their print and digital English as a second language (ESL) collections; increase computer access and training; provide job training; hold English language learning (ELL), general educational development (GED) and citizenship classes; and raise the visibility of services for immigrant populations.
The American Dream Literacy Initiative is made possible through the generous support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.

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, engage and enrich the Stamford community.