FERGUSON LIBRARY FOCUSES ON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WITH NEW POSITION

STAMFORD, October 8, 2019 – The Ferguson Library has promoted Elizabeth Joseph, the library’s former Coordinator of Adult and Information Services, to Associate Director of Community Engagement, a new position that emphasizes the library’s commitment to building community.

Elizabeth joined the staff of The Ferguson Library in 2004. She has a BA in English Literature from City College of New York and a Masters in Library and Information Sciences from Queens College of New York. Among her many professional accomplishments, she was named a 2015 Library Journal Mover and Shaker, and attended the American Library Association Leadership Institute in 2015. She is also certified as a public library administrator by the American Library Association’s Allied Professional Association. Elizabeth served on the 2018 selection committee for Andrew Carnegie Medals for Excellence in Fiction and Nonfiction.

“We are delighted that Elizabeth has agreed to take on this important role for The Ferguson Library,” said Alice Knapp, President of The Ferguson Library. “She has been instrumental in spearheading vital community-based programs such as Facing Racism, and with her knowledge of Stamford and deep community contacts, she is the perfect person to help us move forward.”

“It is important that the library be responsive to the temperature and temperament of our community,” Elizabeth said. “I want people to have a library that fits where they are in life, to see us as more than just an organization that tackles basic literacies. It’s important that they recognize that the library is vital to the community’s cultural, civic and economic vibrancy.”
Outside the library, Elizabeth serves on the Library Leadership and Management Association’s EDI Task Force and is a past member of the American Library Association Awards Committee. She is also a freelance book reviewer for *Booklist*. Among her other activities in the Stamford community, she serves as Public Relations Director for the Greater Stamford Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and on the nonprofit boards for Intempo and Jackie Robinson Park of Fame.

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.