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**Ferguson Library in Stamford, CT Named Finalist for
2021 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

Stamford, Conn.—The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that the Ferguson Library is among 30 finalists for the 2021 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. The Ferguson Library is one of only two institutions in Connecticut, and the only library, to be selected as a finalist for this award.

"The revival and reinstitution of the National Medals by IMLS is another signal of recovery and renewal in the nation's very challenging—but very hopeful—times," said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. "We are celebrating not only the ongoing excellence of the best of our museums and libraries, but their extraordinary efforts through the pandemic, the recession, the racial justice protests, and national divisions to serve, heal, and bring together our communities. Congratulations to all 30 finalists."

The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

"We are immensely proud to be named a finalist for the National Medal for Museum and Library Service and to be recognized with other institutions that are doing innovative, important work in their communities," said Alice Knapp, President of The Ferguson Library. "This award belongs to our dedicated and talented staff who went above and beyond this year and inspire me every day."

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging the Ferguson Library's community members to share stories, memories, pictures, and videos on social media as part of the Share Your Story campaign, using the #IMLSmedals hashtag, and engage with IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

National Medal winners will be announced in late spring. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during a virtual National Medal Ceremony this summer.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).



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About the Ferguson Library

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. For more information visit www.fergusonlibrary.org.

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