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Department of the Library

Dear Member of the Campus Community,

As the heart of our campus, the CSI Library is fundamentally about providing access for our students--how they learn, how they utilize information, and how they participate in the life of a learning community. In that spirit, I invite you to join me in making a gift to the Library.

CUNY is offering its annual opportunity to match each gift received, but only if we can raise \$11,514 by March 31. Each year, we have a short time to achieve this goal and we have historically been able to do it with your loyal support.

Now in our 23rd year at Willowbrook, the Library serves our students and faculty as a solid foundation for access to knowledge and resources necessary for academic success and scholarly research. In the age of rapid technological advances in how we obtain information, it is vital that our Library be a dynamic and relevant resource.

We depend on support from generous individuals like you to provide an enduring means to keep our book collections, databases, and electronic journals up to date. Your gift this year will especially support our developing programs in Autism Studies, Arabic Studies, and East Asian Studies, as well as materials to strengthen graduate programs in Electrical Engineering, Social Work, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Please send your donation to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Bldg.1A, 401 and make your check payable to the CSI Foundation, noting "2016 Library Appeal" in the memo, or go to www.csi.cuny.edu/foundation, and click on "Make Your Gift Online Now," and note "2016 Library Appeal" in the comments box. Your contribution will be put to work immediately, where it will have the most impact.

I invite you to keep up with Library news, special talks, and events, hosted by our Archives & Special Collections Unit, and rotating exhibits in the Volpe Rotunda by visiting: http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/blogs/newsletter.

The CSI Library is the core of our campus, and with your support, we can make your gift count twice! On behalf of the entire College community, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to you.

Sincerely,

Wilma Jones, PhD

Associate Dean and Chief Librarian

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"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life." - Henry Ward Beecher





Stats-at-a-Glance – Five Years

INFORMATION BASE	2010/2011	2014/2015
Print Books (volumes)	244,484	265,000
Electronic Books (volumes)	154,706	260,992
Print Journals (titles)	215	64
Electronic Journals (titles)	53,158	77,283
Databases (titles)	140	230
Live-streaming Media (titles)	0	19,800
Audio-visual Materials (titles)	8,506	11,070
Archival Material (linear sq. ft.)	1,312	1,450
CSI Master's Theses	282	356
Digital Images (local)	1,895	1,957
Musical Scores	0	1,100

OTHER VITAL STATISTICS	2010/2011	2014/2015
Computers	175	175
Laptops	51	35
Calculators	30	61
Group Study Rooms	5	10
Hours of Operation	112	112