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Dear Member of the Campus Community,

The College of Staten Island Library holds a unique position on our campus as the academic heart of our College. If the Library is to remain a dynamic force, however, it must support the academic and larger community in several new ways by enhancing its physical spaces, digital collections, and collaborative uses. Please join me in supporting the academic core of our campus with your gift to the CSI Library.

As the Interim Chief Librarian, and a member of the Library faculty since 2008, it is my pleasure and great honor to serve in this position and to announce that the CSI Library has been named a Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). The Depository Library Act of 1962 called for two depository libraries in each congressional district. Until now, our district, New York's 11<sup>th</sup>, did not have an FDLP. We now proudly join all other boroughs that are represented by a CUNY Library. By becoming an FDLP Library, we can now make U.S. federal government publications available to the public in a curated fashion at no cost.

In order to accommodate the needs of students, faculty, alumni, and community members who utilize our physical space and online resources, I sincerely hope that we can rely upon your support to enrich the Library. This year, your gift will especially support much-needed lighting and space upgrades in the Library Gallery in the Volpe Rotunda. Recent exhibits have included *Freedom Riders*, a traveling exhibit about the courageous band of civil rights activists who challenged segregation in the U.S. South, created by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the PBS series *American Experience: Women on the March: Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in New York*; and *Aesthetic History: Interpretations of Veteran Experience through Art*, created in collaboration with CSI Veteran Support Services.

Please be as generous as you can. You may wish to consider supporting the Library with a \$1,000 donation to name a study carrel in honor of yourself, a loved one, or a faculty mentor. A gift of \$100 or more will be recognized with a personalized nameplate in a new book added to our collection or indicated on the cataloging record of an e-book.

Please send your donation to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Building 1A, Room 401, and make your check payable to the CSI Foundation, noting "2018 Library appeal" in the memo, or visit the secure online giving page to [Make Your Gift Now](#) and note "2018 Library Appeal" in the comments box.

I invite you to visit and keep up with Library news, special programs, and rotating exhibits in the Volpe Rotunda at: <http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/blogs/newsletter>.

The CSI Library is the vital knowledge foundation of our campus. Your support is essential and meaningful to us. I extend my utmost thanks and appreciation to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amy F. Stempler".

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**"Library doors are a gateway to anywhere." - unknown source**

