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Department of the Library

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Dear Member of the Campus Community:

"This class expanded my knowledge of library resources, information-seeking behavior, and classification of information and inspired me to become a librarian!" This testimonial about the Library's LIB 102 course from a former student who is now a librarian at an NYPL branch on Staten Island illustrates the various ways our work at the Library impacts students.

The College of Staten Island Library is the academic heart of our College. If the Library is to remain a vital and modern force, it must support the academic and larger community in several new ways by enhancing its physical spaces, digital collections, and collaborative uses.

Last year, it was my great pleasure to announce that the CSI Library had been named a Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), the first in the Congressional 11th District. This year, some exciting updates include upcoming traveling exhibits in the Volpe Rotunda, and the Archives & Special Collections migration toward a new system to enhance discoverability of our collections related to Staten Island history, the College, and the legacy of the Willowbrook State School. We continue to provide traditional resources such as books and journal subscriptions, and our live-streaming video initiative supports current approaches to pedagogy and meets students where they are.

As you may know, we are currently in a climate of state budget cuts in higher education and austerity, and our ability to provide these resources and services cannot be taken for granted.

Please know that a gift in any amount will help advance the mission of the Library. 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 bookplate plate in a new print book or personalized notation in the catalog for an e-book.

Please send your donation to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Building 1A, Room 210, and make your check payable to the CSI Foundation, noting "2019 Library appeal" in the memo, or you can give securely online at www.csi.cuny.edu/giving, and click on "Please give now," and note "2019 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: <https://library.csi.cuny.edu/blog>.

The CSI Library is the critical knowledge center of our campus. Your support is essential and meaningful to us, now more than ever.

With sincere thanks and appreciation, I am,

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

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"Whatever the cost of our libraries, the cost is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation."

— Walter Cronkite