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*Professor William Wright, University of Cambridge
Advice to the University of Adelaide Council, 31 October 1895*

INTRODUCTION

The University of Adelaide was founded by philanthropy. Almost 150 years later, its contributions to quality of life, advancement of knowledge and training of highly-skilled professionals extend across the world.

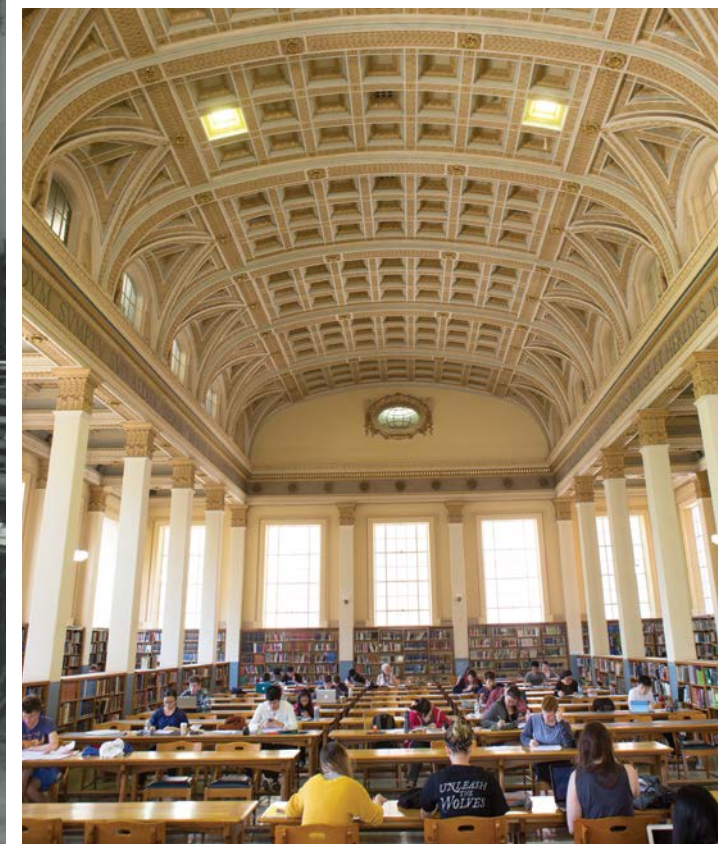
Its cornerstone is the University Library, collecting, cataloguing and providing the published scholarship that in turn becomes the foundation of research, and aligns education with the creativity and power of research.

In 1900, the South Australian Governor, Lord Tennyson, declared the Library "... is becoming one of the finest in the colonies ..." owing to the generosity of Mr Barr Smith. This legacy still touches students as we honour our past and embrace an exciting future for libraries in the 21st century.



THE BARR SMITH FAMILY

The Library's beginnings in the Mitchell Building were humble.



CONTRIBUTING TO A LIBRARY LEGACY

The Barr Smith Library, with its remarkable heritage reading room, is the physical heart of the University. It is a home to all students, to study, listen to music, access in-demand textbooks, be awed by manuscripts, make serendipitous discoveries while browsing and simply to take time off from their studies.

Today, the Library also transcends its physical boundaries, providing access to millions of virtual pages of digital resources, from recently published articles to digitised 19th century letters, circulating from the heart to every student and staff member.

The work of the Library would not be possible without the generous gifts of past and present benefactors. These gifts allow the Library to continue to provide excellent services and resources to our students, researchers, and teaching staff. There is a breathtaking diversity and complexity around the resources to support globally significant research from electronic journals whose virtual pages convey the latest findings to researchers, accessible any time anywhere, to the rarest and most fragile publications serving as a time capsule of meaning and beauty.

The Library is also home to the University Archives, our institutional memory recording the growth of South Australia's first University, established when the colony numbered just 200,000. In addition to the Archives, the Library serves as custodian and curator for the University's diverse cultural collections, from artworks to scientific instruments and a myriad of other artefacts, used to support research and teaching through the decades.



The University Calendar 1878 reported just 324 titles and 500 volumes. Most of these were donated, as the Library's annual budget was a mere £150. The Library also attracted significant monetary gifts to build its collection.

Adelaide businessman and philanthropist, Robert Barr Smith (1824-1915) was a member of the University Council for 19 years. He was also a great bibliophile and regularly added 20 books each month to his personal library. Barr Smith's concern for the University's capacity to compete with the best in the world, "...without the resources of older institutions with long accumulations of wealth in the Mother Land or the millionaire-endowed universities of America", resulted in ongoing donations to the University totalling £21,400, including £9,000 to the Library.

In recognition of these gifts, the University named the Barr Smith Library in 1899. After the death of Robert's wife, Joanna Barr Smith (1835-1919), the Barr Smith Family gave £11,000 to fund further collections. This generosity continued to characterise the next generation as Joanna and Robert's son, Thomas Elder Barr Smith, donated £35,000 to fund the iconic Barr Smith Library building. Designed by Adelaide architect Walter Bagot, it remains a revered and cherished study space for University of Adelaide students past and present.

At the opening of the building in 1932, the Chairman of the Library Board, Professor Wilton, acknowledged that the Library "...will stand as a priceless memorial to the Barr Smith family, and be of inestimable value." Just as the Library continues to inspire students, the Barr Smith family's generosity has stood as an exemplar for successive endowments and donations.

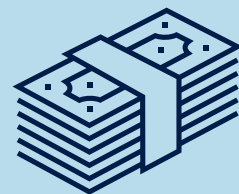
OUR CORE MISSION



To position the Library at the heart of the University, resourcing academic and cultural information, for the benefit of stakeholders, both internally and from the community



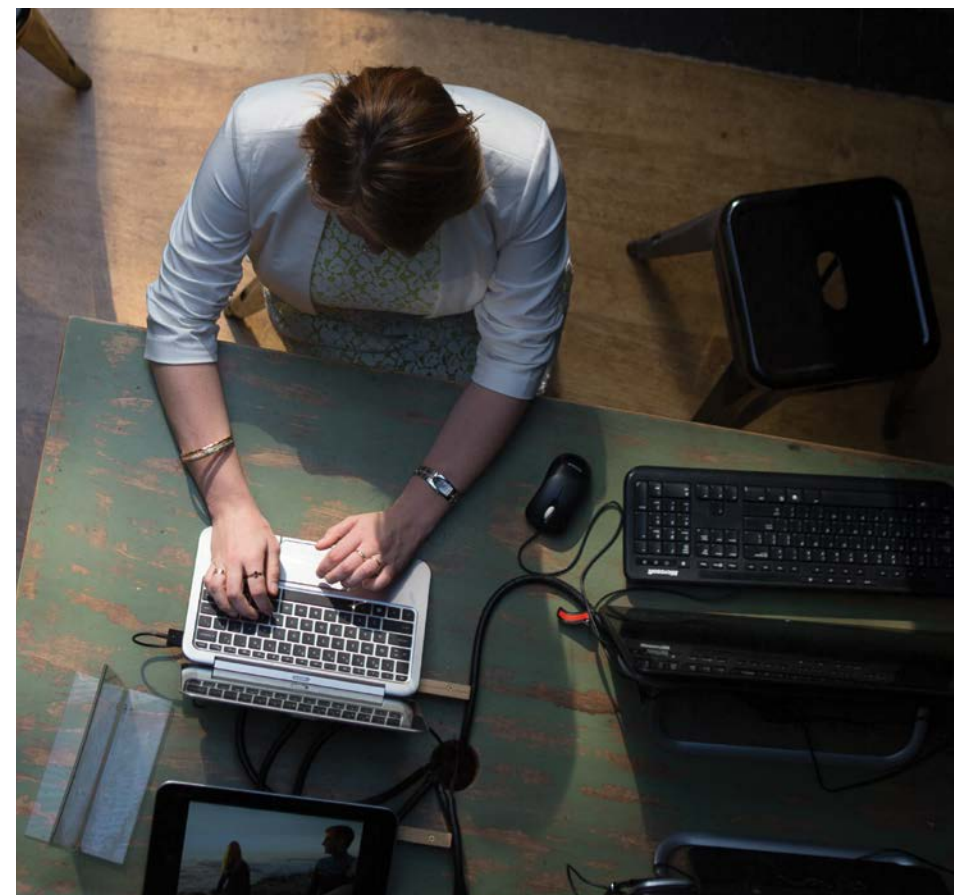
To curate responsibly our scholarly resources for the purpose of learning, teaching and research



To increase investment in library collections in recognition of their value and importance as a significant University asset and essential piece of research infrastructure



To be at the cutting edge of information and research delivery, with state of the art resource media, as well as valued historic collections



To share the proud story of the University through the development and maintenance of deep broad collections, archives and records

MAKING AN ENDOWMENT GIFT TO THE BARR SMITH LIBRARY

Giving to the Barr Smith Library Endowment Fund allows alumni and friends the choice to direct their support to any aspect of the Library's Collection Development Program.



This program has a number of targets for the acquisition of special and significant digitised content across a range of discipline areas to ensure that all members of the University community will benefit.

Recognition of a gift to the endowment fund will be realised, where appropriate, through naming on a Board of Honour but also through membership of the University's Board of Benefactors.

A donor qualifies for the Board of Benefactors when cumulative gifts (cash or pledge) have been made in excess of \$25,000.

Membership begins at the point of commitment and brings benefits, the most important of which is an invitation to an annual event, the Board of Benefactors' *Festum*.

For a discussion about how you can make a gift to the endowment fund and support a specific area of your choice; such as electronic books, digitised primary source materials or databases, please get in touch with our Development Team on +61 8 8313 5800 or development@adelaide.edu.au





BARR SMITH LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

The University has a proud history of philanthropy and for more than 145 years, endowments have played an invaluable role in supporting the core needs of our students and researchers, enabling them to make ground-breaking contributions to local, national and international communities.

The current Barr Smith Library endowment fund is around \$3 million and generates an important annual income contribution to the Library's budget of approximately \$150,000. Gifts to endowment are critical to sustaining and enhancing the great benefit that the University Library brings to so many.

With the availability and range of digital content exponentially expanding, the fund must grow for the purpose of permanently improving the quality and depth of the Library's collections, in particular digital collections which evolve daily.

These collections fall into two categories:

- firstly as subscriptions to journals, data and research findings, and
- secondly, historic documents or works of great importance, particularly in humanities, which should be accessible to any world class library.

The Barr Smith Library endowment fund will address both of these requirements and will, over time, make a life-changing difference to its contribution to students, researchers, the University and South Australia. The acquisition of digital resources made possible by the fund will position the Library well for future planned development of its collections and improve its reputation and position among the great University research libraries, both nationally and internationally.



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IS A RECOGNISED DEDUCTIBLE
GIFT RECIPIENT (DGR).

OTHER WAYS OF GIVING

Annual Barr Smith Library Appeal

Each year funds raised through the Barr Smith Library Appeal are directed towards the acquisition of a particular resource to support the best learning outcomes for our students and provide access to essential library resources for our researchers. A recent acquisition includes AMBOSS, an online medical learning platform created by physicians and clinicians who believe there is a smarter way to study and practice medicine. The platform supports our students and lecturers through extensive multimedia content including how-to videos, illustrations, quizzes, customisable sessions, more than 200,000 cross references and more.

To give to the Barr Smith Library Appeal go to: give.adelaide.edu.au/barr-smith-library

Or contact the Development Team on +61 8 8313 5800 or email development@adelaide.edu.au.

Adopt-a-Book

The Adopt-a-Book program was established by the Friends of the University of Adelaide Library and provides library supporters with the opportunity to donate towards the conservation of rare and fragile books, either choosing a particular book of personal interest or by making a general donation to the overall program.

The average cost of conservation for an individual book can vary but is usually in the vicinity of \$500-\$700.

For more information, visit: adelaide.edu.au/library/special/adopt_a_book/

Or contact staff at: spark.collections@adelaide.edu.au

Leaving a gift in your Will

A gift in your Will is one of the most important decisions you can make to support future generations. It is an opportunity to honour your life's work; pay tribute to a loved one; invest in your area of passion; or leave an enduring legacy.

Choosing the University of Adelaide and the Barr Smith Library will help build and enrich the Library's collection and support future generations of students and researchers for years to come.

If you wish to leave a gift to support a specific area within the University, such as the Barr Smith Library, please contact our Planned Giving Officer on +61 8 8313 5800.



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