

# How do you build a \$99 million library?



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**W**hen retired English professor **Connie Wright** was six years old, she made visits to San Francisco with her grandfather to buy the latest “Oz” books.

It was the 1930s and the beginning of a love affair with books that has lasted for seven decades. In the course of her academic career, Connie built her collection of 16th, 17th, and 18th century scholarly books originally printed for students of the period who were studying Virgil, Ovid, and other classical authors. The oldest book in her collection, an Aldine edition of the works of Statius published in 1502, is an “unbelievably beautiful” volume.

## One precious book at a time.

**T**hanks to **Connie’s generosity**, tomorrow’s UCSC scholars will also benefit from these priceless volumes. She’s donated 20 books from historically renowned printers to UCSC Library Special Collections. And, to ensure that all of the books in Special Collections are preserved, she has funded a preservation lab in the new McHenry Library Expansion.

As a board member of the Friends of the UCSC Library, Connie supports the library and its collections. With the rest of the Friends, she has helped the library raise \$4.25 million in private support—over halfway to the \$8 million McHenry Expansion campaign goal. With your help, the library will reach its goal: to become a research and study facility for the entire Santa Cruz community.

At UCSC, people like Connie are behind all of our programs and progress. Last year, UCSC received more than \$25 million from individuals, corporations, and foundations who cared enough to support the future.

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