In his 25 years as University Librarian, Ray Choate has donated more than 5,000 volumes from his personal collection to the Barr Smith Library. He is also grateful for all the donations and bequests received in support of the Library during this time.

1994 The University Alumni Association donated $135,000 in 1994.
1995 The German government donated a collection covering 250 years of German literature, poetry and other disciplines such as philosophy, theology, musicology and dramatics.
1996 The John Jefferson Bray (LLB 1932, LLB (Hons) 1933, LLD 1937, D Univ 1983) bequest was used to purchase books dealing with Roman law and legal history. Additional purchases are made each year using interest generated from the original donation.
2002 The first Barr Smith Library appeal raised over $49,000 towards the growth of Rare Books and Special Collections.
2003 Robin Eaden (BA (Hons) 1966) and Tim Mares (BA 1958), formerly of the English Department, were tragically killed in a road accident. Robin left a bequest of $16,000 which has been used to purchase books on gardens and gastronomy, and for conservation projects in the University Special Collections.
2006 K. Lillemor Andersen (BA 1934) worked at the Barr Smith Library for 42 years and left a generous bequest to the Library. Interest from the original donation is used to purchase books for the Library.
2007 Sara Douglass (BA 1986, BA (Hons) 1987, PhD Arts) (1951) donated a small but significant collection of legal documents, mainly London indentures and deeds related to the sale and rental of property and dated from 1591 to 1942. Most are handwritten manuscripts on vellum (sheepskin).
2009 A record-breaking appeal saw over $150,000 donated to further grow the inspiring collections.
2011 Bill Cornish (LLB (Hons) 1960) donated $20,000 to the Law Library and this was used to acquire more expensive items, with a focus on intellectual property and legal history.
2014 Vassilios Sarafis bequeathed $20,000 to establish the University of Adelaide V Sarafis Gastronomy Collection. This money will be used to purchase gastronomy-related resources.

*Snapshot of donations received since 1994.

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> Support wider reading for the University and broader community to maintain the breadth of the Library’s collections, beyond immediate curriculum needs

> Acquire expensive eBook collections including the Cambridge Histories Online which give instant access to authoritative and up-to-date scholarship across a range of subjects

> Acquire rare and unique items including the unpublished sketch books of Herman Koeler, the first German visitor to South Australia, dated 1837-38

Donations from the 2014 Barr Smith Library Appeal have been put to work in extending our special collections and are already enabling positive and meaningful outcomes for students and researchers.

"As a first year student, in my first week at University, I can already see the worth of the Library as a quiet place to study – it will make a real difference to me as I progress through my degree.”

Hamish  Degree in Nanoscience and Materials

"It’s great to have access to such a wide collection of books and have a place to come to study for exams. I love looking at the rare book collections – some of them are really inspiring.”

Christine  Degree in Commerce

"The Library has changed a lot since I was first here, the resources available have been modernised and there’s greater access to computers as well as enhanced collections which are helping me in my studies.”

Frankie  PhD in Medicine

"The Barr Smith Library annual appeal enables the University Libraries to enrich their collections and supports students and researchers to extend their explorations beyond the average. Without this funding the Libraries’ collections would be much less inspiring.”

Margaret Hosking  Research Librarian and Book Resources Librarian

Note from Ray

January 2015 marked 25 years for me as University Librarian at the University of Adelaide and this will be my last significant anniversary as I have decided to retire later this year. However, my tenure doesn’t even come close to matching that of previous University of Adelaide Librarians, Robert Clucas (30 years) and Bill Cowan (31 years).

It has been a privilege to have held this position at one of the best research university libraries in Australia.

During my time here, the University Libraries have evolved from being print based to increasingly digital. However the Barr Smith Library print collection continues to be an important research resource and its breadth and depth provides important resources for research at all levels and in most disciplines.

To be involved with these major changes in the Library, its collections, and the provision of access for the University community has been both challenging and rewarding. With the loyalty of staff, donors and the extended University community it has been possible to accomplish significant change.

Alumni, Friends of the Library and our committed supporters have played a very important role. Generous contributions over the past 15 years of annual appeals have provided the Library with funds to acquire additional and often unique research materials. This supports the provision of scholarly resources for the University community, from undergraduate and higher degree students to research and teaching staff. I find it especially pleasing that so many alumni and friends are also users of our collections. I wish to thank you all for this ongoing and very important support.

As I work towards my retirement later this year, I encourage you to continue the tradition of support for the Barr Smith Library and ensure its collections remain up-to-date by donating to my last appeal as University Librarian at the University of Adelaide.