A bequest may take many forms. It could be a residual gift, a percentage of your estate or a specific amount or asset, such as shares, bonds, property, a book collection or work of art. We can also be named as a beneficiary in a life insurance or superannuation policy.

Leaving a ‘residual bequest’ would make an extraordinary difference to our future. This means leaving part or all of your estate after you have provided for family and friends. Whether you’re thinking of making a new will or updating one, we suggest you speak to a solicitor.

If you don’t have a will, you may like to:

- **Leave us the residue of your estate (after you have taken care of your family and friends).** This is called a ‘residual bequest’. The correct wording is:
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  ‘I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, Australia, the residue of my estate to be used for its general purposes.’
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- **Leave us a percentage of your estate.** The correct wording is:
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  ‘I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, Australia (the desired percentage) % of my estate to be used for its general purposes.’
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- **Leave us a specific amount or asset.** The correct wording is:
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  ‘I give and bequeath to the State Library of New South Wales Foundation (ABN 76 343 150 267), of Macquarie Street, Sydney, NSW, Australia, the sum of $ (amount or please supply details of the asset) to be used for its general purposes.’
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If you already have a will: You can easily update it with a codicil, which is an additional clause that includes your bequest, and complies with the legal requirements of a valid will.
If you are considering or have already included the State Library of NSW Foundation in your will, letting us know will help with our planning. We would also like to thank you for your generosity.

We appreciate your will is very personal and any information you provide will be treated with respect and in confidence.

If you would like to discuss your wishes, receive more information or have a behind the scenes viewing of the Library, please contact:

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