

How do I write a gift into my will?

How you write a gift into your will depends on what kind of gift you wish to leave and whether you want it to be unrestricted or specific.

An unrestricted gift means that your gift can be used for the Library's priority needs at its discretion.

A specific gift means that you set requirements that the Library will need to meet so that the gift can be accepted.

Unrestricted gift wording

Below are some suggested words you can use to leave an unrestricted gift to the Library in your will:

1. Leaving us the residue/a percentage/a specific amount of your estate

'I give [proportion of estate or dollar amount or the residue of my estate] free of all taxes to the National Library of Australia, Parkes, in the Australian Capital Territory, for its use and benefit absolutely.'

2. Leaving us an asset

'I give [clearly describe item, work of art, manuscript etc.] free of all taxes to the National Library of Australia, Parkes, in the Australian Capital Territory, for its use and benefit absolutely.'

3. Leaving us an asset and the residue/a percentage/a specific amount of your estate

'I give [proportion of estate or dollar amount or residue of my estate or clearly described item] to [names of primary beneficiaries] but if [all primary beneficiaries] predecease me, then to the National Library of Australia, Parkes, in the Australian Capital Territory. This gift to the Library will be free of all taxes.'

Specific gift wording

For specific gifts, we are happy to discuss with you the wording to include in your will to ensure that your gift can be fulfilled.

For a confidential discussion, please contact Assistant Director of Philanthropy Celia Rideaux at crideaux@nla.gov.au or call on 02 6262 1640.

The Library encourages you to seek independent legal advice before including us in your will.

