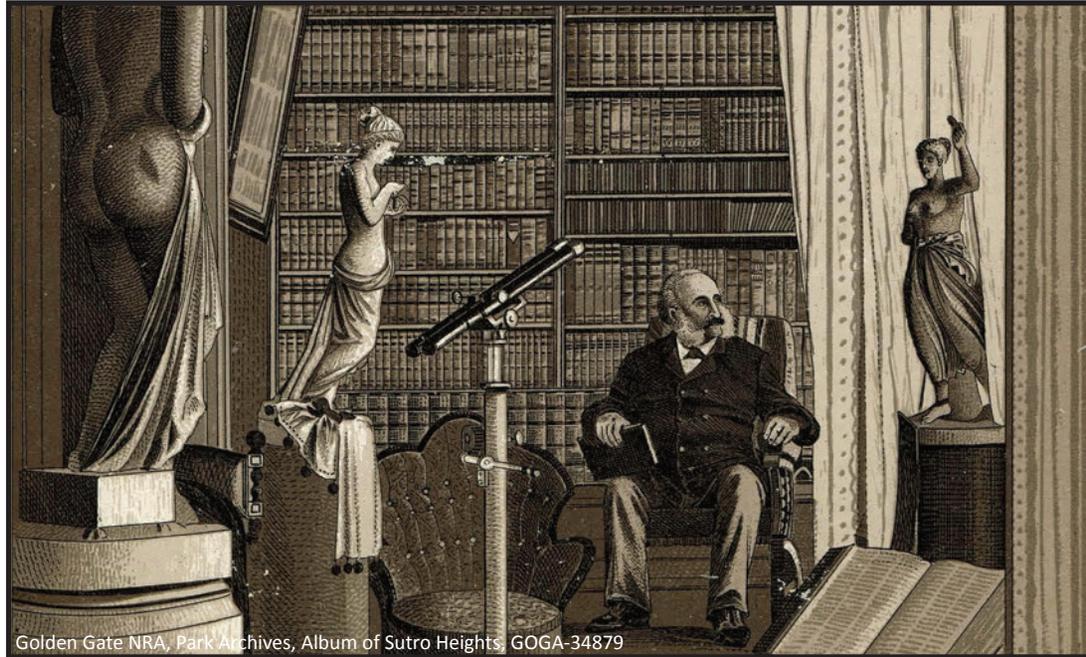


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An illustration of Adolph Sutro in his personal library, ca. 1890.

## Sutro Library

Adolph Sutro began amassing his collection of rare books from around the world in the 1880s. By 1885, his library collection contained over 60,000 volumes. By the time of his death in 1898 Sutro had accumulated over 200,000 books, making his collection one of the finest in the country.

It is said that Sutro wanted to give his collection to the University of California. If so, he neglected to state this in his will and the library was the subject of years of legal wrangling.

Most of Sutro's collection was destroyed in the earthquake and fire of 1906. Only 40% was salvaged from San Francisco's first fire-proof building, the Montgomery Block, where it was being stored.

Sutro's heirs donated the collection to the California State Library in 1913. Today the Sutro Library features 100,000 volumes from this private collection. The Sutro Library has grown to be the most extensive genealogical research collection west of Salt Lake City. It is located on the San Francisco State University campus and is open to the public.