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## Greek Government Gift Bolsters Classics Collection

A luncheon earlier this year celebrated the generous gift of the Greek government to the Library. Shown are University Librarian Tom Leonard, History Professor Maria Mavroudi, Classics Chair Leslie Kurke, Greek Consul General Xenia



Stefanidou, and Classics Librarian David Sullivan. Dr. Mavroudi, an expert on Greek and Arabic cultural interactions in the Middle Ages, was awarded a MacArthur “genius” fellowship in 2004. Her current project is bilingualism in Greek and Arabic in the Middle Ages and its repercussions for the transmission of science..

The Ministry of Culture's gift enabled the Library to significantly expand its collection of Greek publications of interest to Berkeley researchers. Among the most impressive acquisitions were two fine facsimiles, one of a manuscript of Ptolemy's Geography held by the library of the monastery of Vatopedi on Mount Athos, and another of the same work, once owned by the celebrated book collector and scholar Cardinal Bessarion, now housed in the Biblioteca Marciana in Venice.

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