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Construction of ambitious university library continues

Construction continues of the University of Cyprus ambitious Stelios Ioannou Information Centre-Library, designed by world-renowned architect Jean Nouvel.

The library is being built with an €8 million donation by Elli Ioannou. She had also donated the €1.5m for the plans in her husband Stelios Ioannou's memory.

According to a recent university announcement, as well as putting Cyprus on the global architecture map, the library will house one million books, over 30,000 magazines in electronic form and 150 data bases.

"Author and American Civil War historian Shelby Foote defines a university as being a collection of buildings set around a

library.

"The Stelios Ioannou Library will be the hub of a campus that will in the future have 10,000 students and also be open to every citizen wishing to make use of its multifaceted and useful service, serving all the country's scientists and researchers beyond the university community," the university said.

The library deserved to be recognised as being of major importance "not only for the development of the University of Cyprus but for the country itself," and that, after not being included in the state's budget for the university in 2012 and 2013, government funding for the library would come in 2014.

