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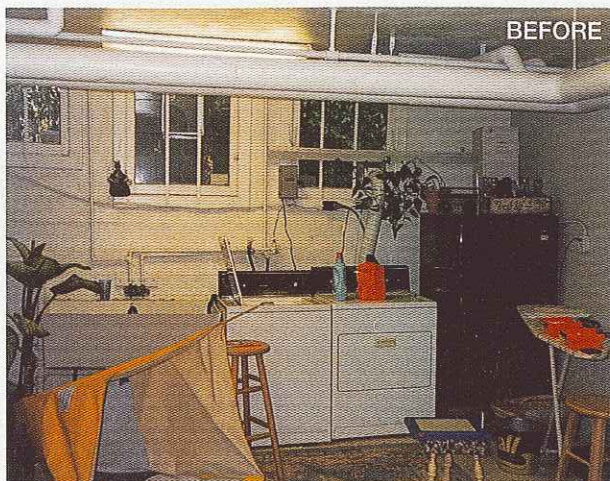
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ABOVE: Originally, the large basement of this late 1920s home was only used for the usual laundry and storage. Homeowners John and Colleen Purrier had much bigger plans for it from the very beginning. BELOW: The home theater has five fixed seats; three sit on a lighted platform, resembling movie

theater seating. A high-tech touch screen between the two front seats controls the lighting and curtains so viewers never have to get up. RIGHT: The library features a cast-iron natural gas fireplace and customized cherry cabinetry to hold the many books, CDs and DVDs. SEE BUYING GUIDE FOR DETAILS

## home library

When John and Colleen Purrier went shopping for a new house in 1995, they didn't care about the number of bedrooms. "We just kept asking for a really *big* basement," says Colleen with a laugh. "We wanted a place for our books and we bought this home just to make a book room."

Autumn Donovan, ASID, interior designer at Tenhulzen Remodeling in Redmond, Washington, says the renovation of the basement in the 1927 Seattle home took about four months and involved completely redoing the plumbing, removing posts and support beams and replacing the entire staircase.

"We've ended up remodeling most of the house," says Colleen. "It was a snowball effect, but the book room was definitely the project catalyst." —*Tamra B. Orr*





