The National Museum of Qatar Library (NMoQ) will open its doors in 2019. This museum and library will give voice to Qatar’s heritage whilst celebrating its future.

NMoQ will have a section relating to celebrations and a gourmet restaurant with a cooking school. The International Collection of Gastronomy Books & Manuscripts will be part of the NMoQ Library Rare Book Room.

The collection is one of the largest collections of ancient texts on gastronomy with more than 4000 books and manuscripts in Latin, Italian, and many other languages. The age of the collection ranges from 1454 to 1899.

**WORK FLOW INVOLVED IN PREPARING THE BOOKS TO BE HOUSED IN THE LIBRARY**

This includes condition checking, inventory, preservation, cataloging and final placement in the rare book room.

**NMQL RARE BOOK ROOM BUILDING COLLECTION**

Processing the rare book collection

9 crates of books arrived

Each crate contains 36 boxes = 324 boxes of books

Support from the Museum of Islamic Art, Qatar, Conservation Team

Organizing the books by language and date

Books are catalogued and prepared for shelving

**HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR COLLECTION**

- Platina, De honesta voluptate et valetudine, 1473
- Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum, ITA, 1662
- Volkamer, Johann Chistoph, Hesperides norimbergenses, [1713]
- The Cook Book of Alice Gardiner (1797)

**INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION OF GASTRONOMY BOOKS & MANUSCRIPTS**

Age of collection - total number of books = 4003

- 1400s: Printing Press invented (1440)
- 1500s: Galateo: The Rules of Polite Behavior. By Giovanni Della Casa (1560)
- 1600s: The Queen-like Closet or Rich Cabinet. By Hannah Wooley (1691)
- 1700s: American Cookery. By Amelia Simmons (1796)
- 1800s: Kitchen Notes. By Ludwig Va Beethoven (c. 1800)