

# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF QATAR LIBRARY

## INTERNATIONAL COLLECTION OF GASTRONOMY BOOKS & MANUSCRIPTS

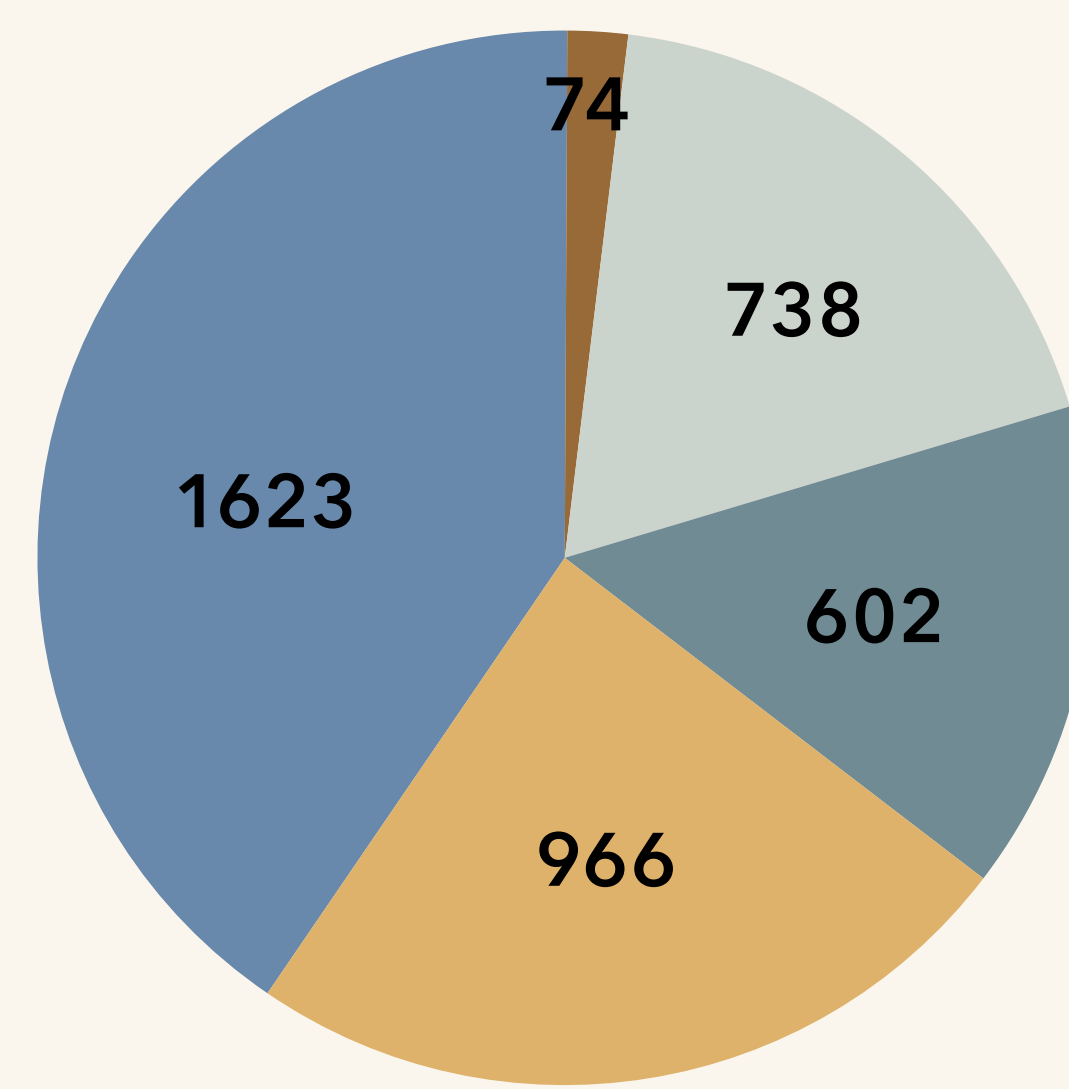
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The National Museum of Qatar Library (NMoQ) will open its doors in 2019. This museum and library will give voice to Qatar's heritage whilst celebrating its future.

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.



### 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)

## 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



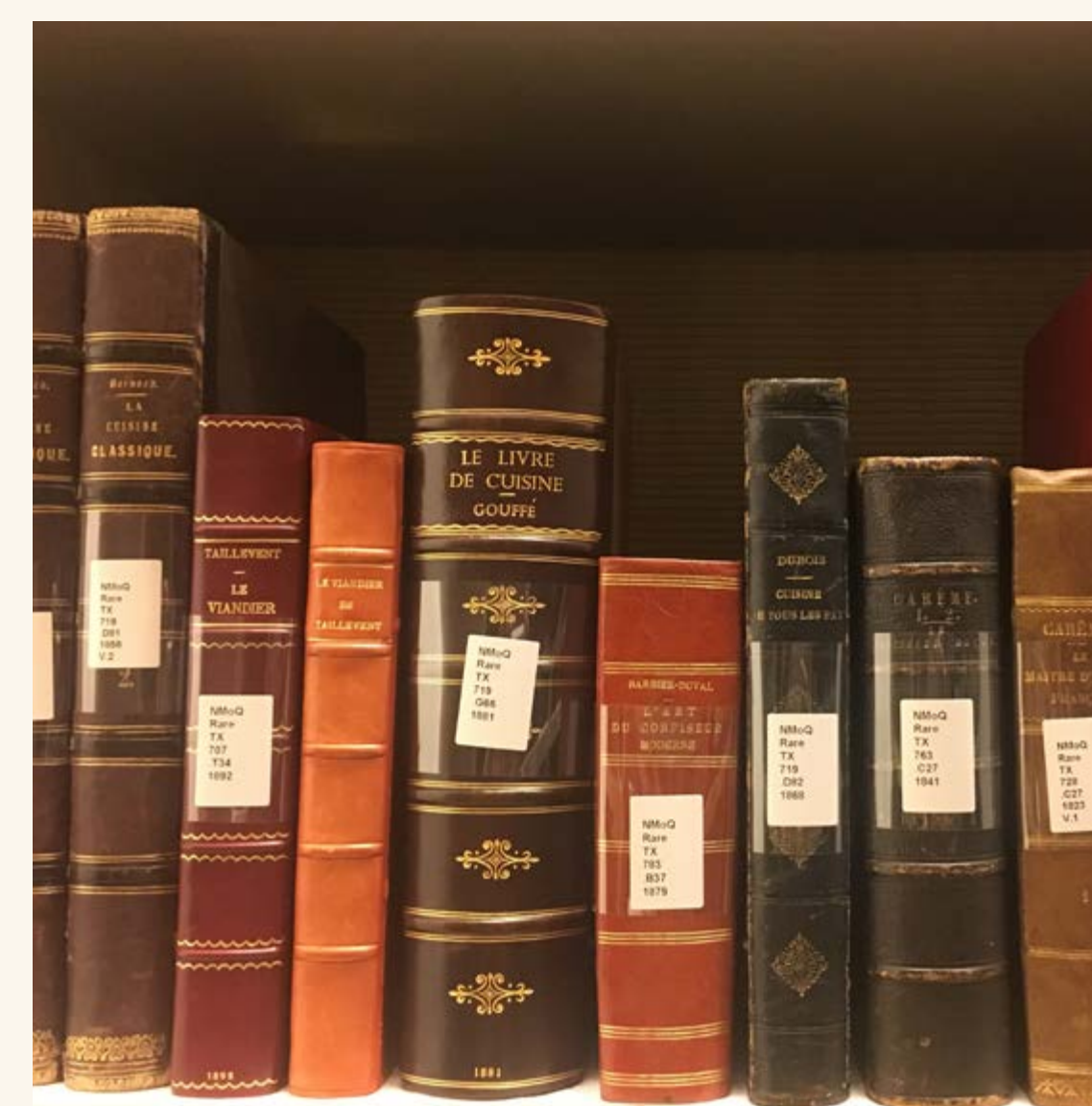
9 crates of books arrived



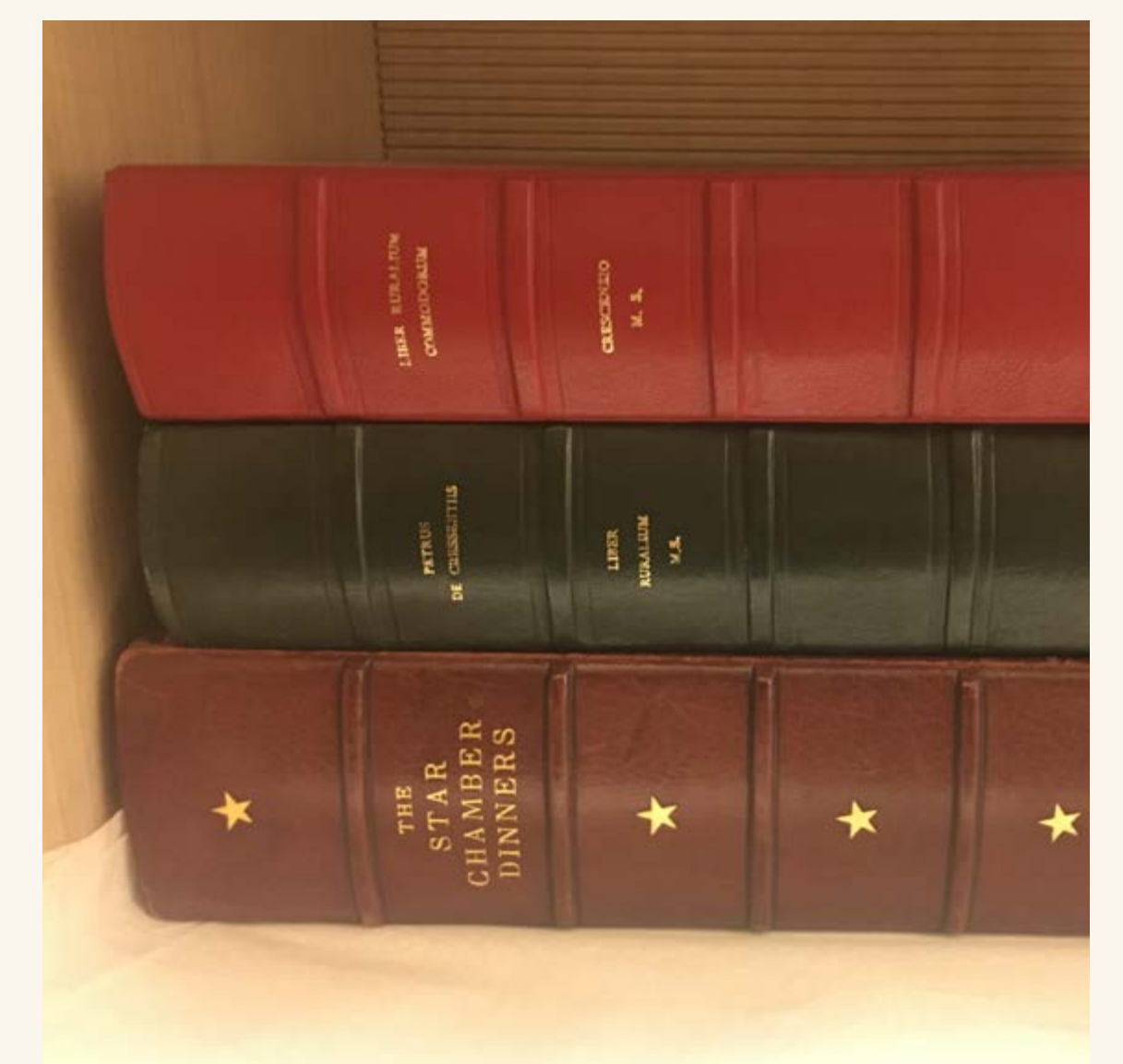
▶ Each crate contains 36 boxes = 324 boxes of books



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



▶ Organizing the books by language and date

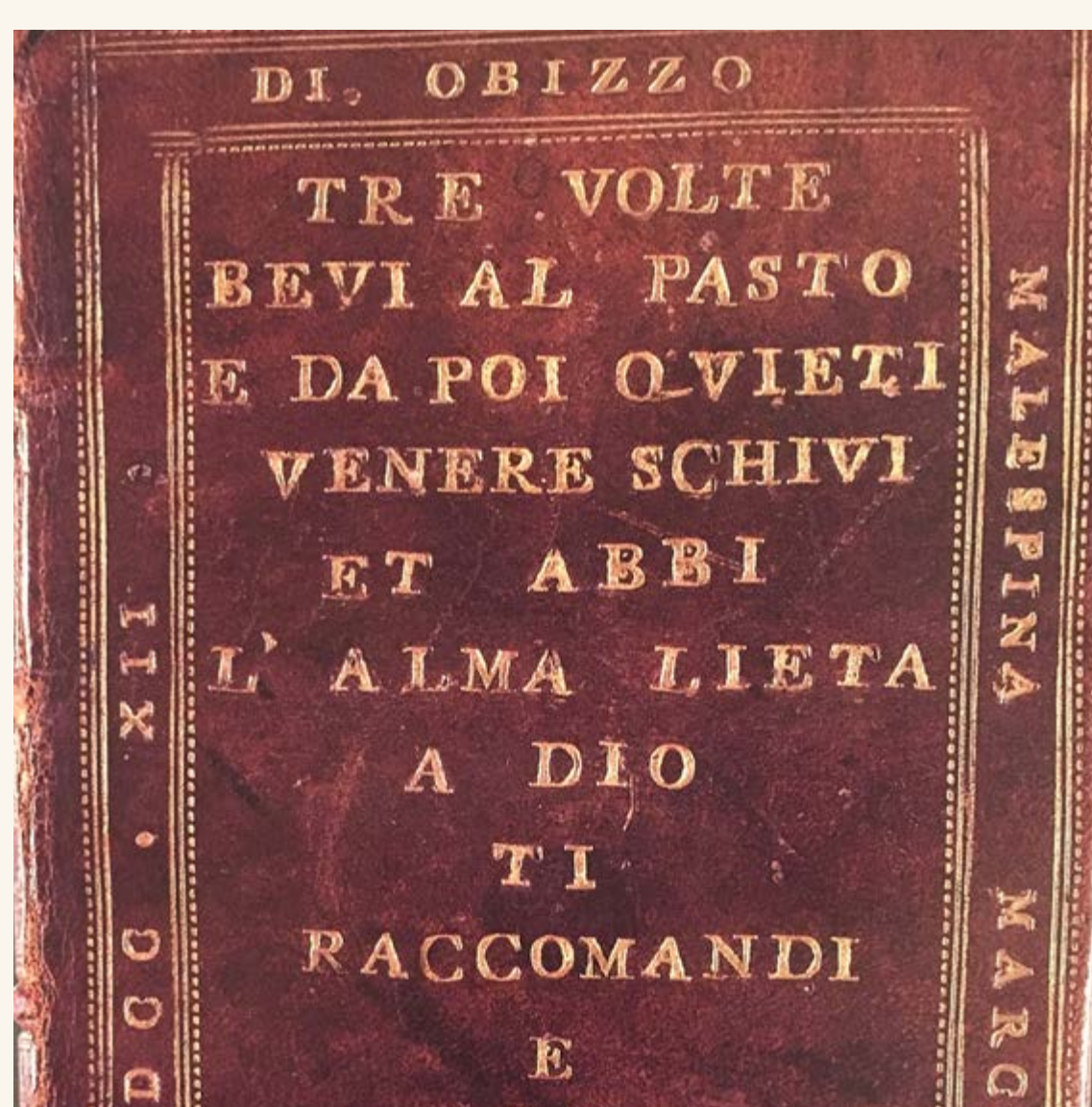


▶ Books are catalogued and prepared for shelving

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR COLLECTION



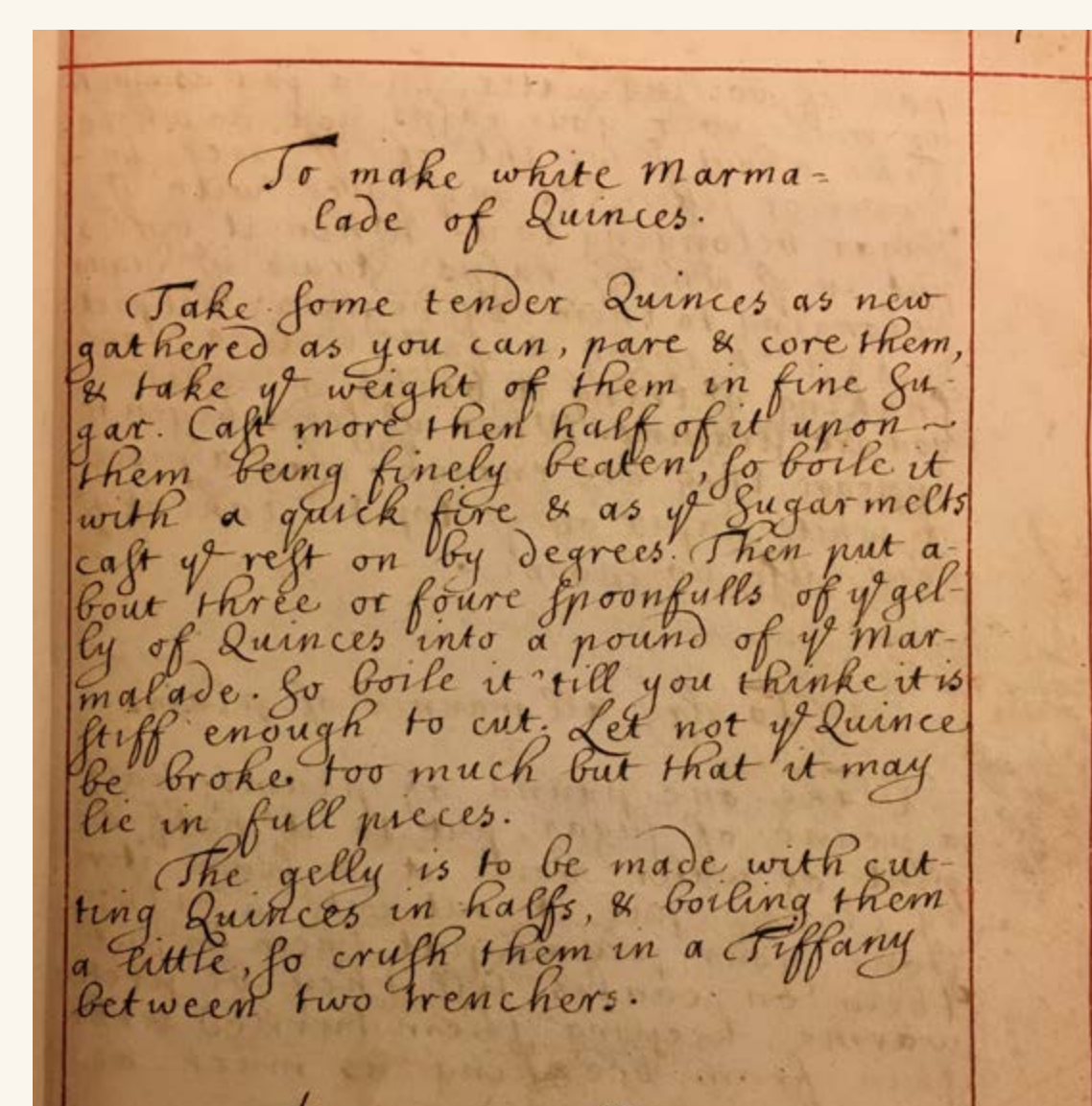
Platina, De honesta voluptate et valetudine, 1475



Regimen sanitatis Salernitanum, ITA, 1662



Volkamer, Johann Christoph, Hesperides norimbergenses, [1713]



The Cook Book of Alice Gardiner (1797)

