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Once Upon Two Hundred Years

A Gala Evening
Celebrating the Bicentennial Year of
The Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library
Saturday, 29th January 2000
Courthouse Building

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Symposium
Music by VanDongen Quartet

Welcome & Call to Victuals
David Eke, Chair, Board of Trustees

Menu
Quenelle of fine chicken liver mousse with herbed toasts
Slow roasted prime rib with Yorkshires
Roasted cellar vegetables & potatoes
Winter fruit cobbler with vanilla bean anglaise

Greetings
David Eke & distinguished guests

Re-enactment of Founding
Maja Bannerman, Jonathan Earp & Jamie Mainprize

Forthcoming Events & Appreciations
David Eke

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History

"Sensible how much we are at a loss in this new and remote country for
every kind of knowledge, and convinced that nothing would be of more use
to diffuse knowledge amongst us and our offspring than a library
supported by subscription in this town; we whose names are hereunto
subscribed hereby associate ourselves together for that purpose..."

On June 8th, 1800, forty-one prominent residents of our community came
together to form a subscription library. The Record Book opens with the
above quotation. We owe a great debt to these founders whose leadership
and foresight paved the way for the establishment of public libraries in
Canada.

The remarkable history of Upper Canada's oldest public library makes it
an integral part of a region rich in cultural traditions. When the Town
was burned during the War of 1812, many library books were destroyed but
the Library survived and became a free public library in 1938. Over the
past two centuries, from many different locations, the Library has borne
witness to the events which shaped our contemporary world.

The state-of-the-art facility opening this autumn will enable the
Library to continue to grow, prosper, "diffuse knowledge", and serve
both present and future generations of our community.

For further details see http://vaxxine.com/fa/notlpl

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For support this evening
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