The BML has had another eventful year if not one fulfilling services for the BML constituency that I hoped for in last year’s annual report. There have been many changes in the Countway Library, Harvard Medical School (HMS) and the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) in people and programs as well as the beginning of a Countway Strategic Planning.

A. PEOPLE TRANSITIONS

BML Board: We mourn the tragic loss of our dedicated Trustee, Dr. Lorraine Stanfield on September 13, 2017.

Countway Library: Warm welcome to the new Countway Director/Librarian for the Harvard Medical and Boston Medical Libraries, Elaine Martin who assumed office from October 3, 2016. She has been busy assessing the current status of the Library and working on a strategic planning process. Much appreciate her efforts. Betsy Eggleston, Countway Director of Collections and Knowledge Management, retired in July 2017 after well over a decade of most valuable and appreciated service. She will be much missed. The search for the replacement is near conclusion.

Harvard Medical School (HMS): George Daly, MD assumed the office of HMS Dean in January 2017, with Willy Lensch, PhD, Lensch, who had served as executive director of the Harvard Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, as his Chief of Staff. Dean Lisa Muto, PhD, who has served for more than 25 years across Harvard University and HMS, was appointed Executive Dean for HMS from June 20, 2017. We welcome them and look forward to working with them. We look forward to their active engagement in the JLC.
Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS): The MMS EVP, Lois Cornell, has created a senior staff group to lead, innovate, implement and monitor with the BML library service programs for MMS membership. Dr. Elaine Martin and I have met with the group and look forward. Caroline Carregal, MMS Director of Continuing Education and Certification, who was also responsible at MMS for the BML and its Waltham/MMS branch library retired in August 2017 after serving the MMS for 26 years. Her services are appreciated and she will be missed.

BML Reports to MMS- BOT, HOD- Attach reports as appendices

B. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION

BML Governance: At the BML Trustees’ 2017 annual meeting by teleconference under the new bylaws, Trustees, Officers and Committee members were elected. An additional officer position of President Elect was created and filled by electing Dr. Richard Pieters to that position and to continue as Treasurer. Much is owed to Dr. Peter Schneider for his long service as Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer. Welcome to Dr. James Gessner as our Assistant Treasurer.

The Joint Library Committee (JLC) has been active in joint governance and support of the Countway Library by Harvard (HMS) and BML with active participation by non-JLC member key Harvard leadership- HMS Dean’s Chief of Staff, Willy Lensch, and plans for Executive Dean, Lisa Muto to do so, as well as invitees from other Harvard constituencies.

BML Administration: David Pinkham of David Pinkham, CPA, LLC who serves the BML accounting function from May 2016, also assumed book keeping functions later in 2016 when the Countway/Dept. of Biomedical Informatics (DBMI) book keeper, Elizabeth Bueso’s BML services were discontinued by Countway.

The BML Board hired, after an analysis of our current investment management and diligent search by a committee among 3 carefully selected investment advisors, Prime, Buchholz & Associates, Inc. of Portsmouth, NH from March 2017 to serve as the BML’s investment advisors and the funds have come under their advice/management from June/July 2017.

The hope expressed last year of adequate and supervised Countway staff support for the BML with the arrival of the new Director and support staff has been achieved partially with the appointment in October 2017 of Kerry O’Connor, Executive Assistant to the Director and Administrative Assistant for BML. The Director has determined that more staff time is

1 Appendix 1: MMS Staff Leadership Group
needed for the needs while there is restriction by HMS on additional staff hiring at Countway. It is planned to find a way to solve this with the Executive Dean’s help.

C. PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Countway Library: On her arrival the Director noted that she faced the ongoing separation of the Department of Biomedical Informatics (DBMI; formerly the Center for Biomedical Informatics- CBMI) from the Countway Library resulting in loss of Library space and staff at a time of budget challenges and HMS’ deficit. She saw the need for a number of new positions to ensure that the Countway is staffed to its full potential but this has been a challenge because of stringent HMS hiring policies at this time.

The Director reports that the Countway Library has lost nearly 50% of its space: the building has a total of 106,000 sq ft and the Countway Library now occupies 57,000 sq ft. Many print materials have been moved off-site to the Harvard Depository, which requires a $400,000 annual payment for their services. A team of Library staff has been meeting with the Head of Space Planning and has decided to bring in a space consultant to look at the four floors of the Countway designated to the Countway Library for effective utilization.

Countway Strategic Planning:2 Director Elaine Martin has engaged as consultant for Countway Strategic Planning Maureen Sullivan, a leader and educator in the library profession, a consultant and trainer with the Association of Research Libraries who helps the development of libraries’ strategic plans and programs to redesign work and create new organizational structures. Evaluating current Library services, and staff, space and financial resources, and anticipating and meeting the evolving constituent needs for today and tomorrow pose many general challenges and others particular to the Countway partnership. The planning process steps are:

- Phase 1: This is the time for the Steering Committee and others to learn what is changing in the field (Med School education, HMS community, publishing, technology, etc.) and see what may be promising practices for improving their own services and programs.
- Phase 2: From there, working sessions are spent to develop goals for the library
- Phase 3: Create a draft document to bring together both the Countway’s mission and determine what changes, if any, need to be made with a vision statement. From there, the plan should be communicated to the community and concrete steps developed to carry out the plan successfully.

2 Appendix 2: BML Strategic Plan Priorities
At its regular meeting on March 16, 2017, the BML Board met with Maureen Sullivan and heard description of the planning process and shared with her and Elaine Martin aspects of the BML constituent needs and the need for the strategic planning process to be inclusive of the BML as a partner of the Countway Library along with Harvard and which has contributed a very large and valuable collection to the Countway besides ongoing contribution to current collection.

The Director is moving the Countway Library towards decreasing (to elimination?) current print collection and towards electronic resources. She has requested the BML to review and minimize exchange print journals that it receives in exchange for several complimentary NEJM subscriptions that it receives. She would also like to decrease existing print collections on site and in storage not including the Center for the History of Medicine (CHOM). She plans to catalogue the existing print collections to identify duplicates as well as ones that are duplicated in another Harvard Library to then work on selective deaccessioning. The BML leadership has requested that she share for its review criteria and algorithm for this selection for deaccessioning.

**Massachusetts Medical Society:** Following a survey of MMS members, a second one focused on the younger members including residents and students and focus groups the MMS decided on a BML service plan for the year. The highlights are:

**MMS 2017-18 Plans For BML Services For Members**
- Awareness Campaign
  - Digital Access to 10 Articles/Yr.
  - Request through MMS or BML
  - User Friendly MMS Website: [https://tinyurl.com/BML-Services](https://tinyurl.com/BML-Services)
- BML Branch Library at MMS
- MMS Senior Staff Team to Oversee/Implement
- Periodic Update Reports Within MMS and To BML
- Include Library Service in Annual Member Satisfaction Survey

**The BML President presented brief reports- to the MMS** Board of Trustees on September 6, 2017 and to the MMS House of Delegates on December 1, 2017 in addition to a page in the MMS HOD Handbook.³

**Polio Portrait:** The portrait depicting Dr. John Enders and his associated, Drs. Thomas Weller and Frederick Robbins in their lab at Boston Children’s Hospital to commemorate their Nobel Prize winning successful tissue culture growth of the polio virus in the 1940s

³ Appendix 3: BML Page in MMS HOD Handbook December 1, 2017
which enabled the development of the polio vaccines leading to the near eradication of polio globally is progressing to a beautiful work of art and expected to be completed by the end of 2017. This project has been possible due to the imagination and drive of our past President, Dr. Leonard Morse. It was planned to be installed in the Countway rotunda. Recent HMS policy on diversity including in portraits necessitated considering an alternate site outside of the Countway at this time and the leadership is considering our various sister organizations including the MMS, the medical schools in Massachusetts etc.

BML’s Oral History: The transcripts of the interview of former Countway Director/Librarian for the Harvard Medical and the Boston Medical Libraries, Judy Messerle, has been added to our growing collection. Many thanks to Judy Messerle for leadership and for the interview and to Joan Ilaqua for interviewing. The collection so far includes those of Drs. Grant Rodkey, Paul Russell, Joe Kennedy, Leonard Morse, George Battit and Judy Messerle.

The 41st Annual Joseph E. Garland Memorial Lecture titled “Less Medicine, More Health” was delivered by H. Gilbert Welch, MD, MPH, Professor of Medicine, Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Research on November 3, 2016. The premise of the talk was that the public has been sold the idea that medical care is one of the most important steps to maintain wellness. But more medicine does not equal more health. In reality, the opposite may be true. The talk challenged assumptions with stark examples and friendly, animated and clever visuals that hit home to the care givers and the cared for matching what Robert Frost did with his poetry:
“We dance round in a ring and suppose,
But the secret sits in the middle and knows.”

13th J Worth Estes History of Medicine Lecture was presented on May 23, 2017 by Shelley McKellar, Ph.D., Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, London, Ontario on: Spare Parts: Hope, Drama & Dispute: Heart Transplantation and Total Artificial Heart Implant Cases in The 1960s
The audience was very engaged in the human drama, ethics, patient sacrifices, competition and more during the early years of advances in this field that the speaker brought to life and had many questions, comments and also shared their own knowledge on the subject. Even a mouse scampered down the auditorium to listen to the speaker!

42nd Annual Garland Memorial Lecturer will be Peter J. Neumann, ScD, Director of the Center for the Evaluation of Value and Risk in Health, Institute for Clinical Research and Health Policy Studies, Tufts Medical Center & Professor of Medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine, on October 17, 2017 on the topic of “Measuring
Value in Healthcare.” This will be a timely talk on a challenging issue with wide ranging implications in everyone’s lives and in the professional and societal ethics and morals and informing health policy by an expert who has spent years researching this question.

5 Countway Fellowships of the Boston Medical Library funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund for study using Countway CHOM resources were awarded for 2017-18.

The Countway CHOM (Center for the History of Medicine) the major collections of which are from the BML has been very active again this year under the direction of Director, Scott Podolsky, and Deputy Director, Emily Gustainis, and their outstanding staff:

Presenting several public events
The Countway- BML Fellowships
The New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Fellowships
Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine Fellowships
Preservation of several BML books
Digitization of several volumes
Acquisition of selected historical medical literature

Much appreciation for the Directors and staff of CHOM.

Respectfully,

S. Jay Jayasankar, MD
September 19, 2017

Appendices:
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Massachusetts Medical Society Senior Staff Leadership group to lead, innovate, implement and monitor with the BML library service programs

Lois Cornell, Executive Vice President, MMS

Theresa Sciarappa, Vice President, Strategic Alignment and Human Resources/CHRO, MMS

Charlie Alagero, General Counsel/Vice President of Advocacy and Member Relations, MMS

Bill Howland, Director, Member Engagement, MMS

Therese Fitzgerald, Director, Health Care Research, Analytics and Insights, MMS

Kate Connors, Director, Communications and Media Relations, MMS

Leon Barzin, Director, Health Information Technology/Digital Media Manager, MMS

Josh Rosenfeld, Communications Assistant, MMS
Boston Medical Library Strategic Plan Priority Objectives
(Adopted by the Board on December 9, 2004
Progress Reviewed and reaffirmed February 16, 2012)

1. Objectives under **Goal #1: Dissemination of Knowledge**
   a. Remote access
   b. Offer training programs for physicians in electronic access and knowledge management

2. Objectives under **Goal #2: Promotion of Medical Education**
   a. Explore ways to increase awareness/access to learning programs for practicing physicians to maintain their lifelong professional development

3. Objectives under **Goal #3: Preservation and Celebration of History of Medicine**
   a. Cataloguing and preservation of and newer means of access to BML collection - e.g. digitization
   b. Programs with/without exhibits:
      ▶ Didactic/ Interactive
      ▶ Exhibits- on site, off site
   c. Publication of articles based on collection, periodically in journals
   d. Occasional publication of outstanding books
   e. Increase opportunities for promoting scholarship

4. Objectives under **Enabling Goals - Infrastructure to support BML Goals and Objectives**
   a. BML is true partner in developing plans for the Countway
   b. Responsiveness and leadership of Countway staff for BML needs, programs and services
   c. Staff and organizational structure to implement programs
   d. Staff and structure to enable grant/proposal writing and external partnership development

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**BML Mission**

“To be a Library for the dissemination of medical knowledge, the promotion of medical education and scholarship, and the preservation and celebration of medical history, and thereby to advance the quality of health and healthcare of the people.”
MMS At 22 Fenway (Next To BML) From 1948 to 80s

BML At 8 The Fenway
1901-1965

MMS 2017-18 Plans For BML Services For Members

- Awareness Campaign
  - Digital Access to 10 Articles/Yr.
    - Request through MMS or BML
  - User Friendly MMS Website: 
    [https://tinyurl.com/BML-Services](https://tinyurl.com/BML-Services)
  - BML Branch Library at MMS
  - MMS Senior Staff Team to Oversee/Implement
  - Periodic Update Reports Within MMS and To BML
  - Include Library Service in Annual Member Satisfaction Survey
Did you know that …

- MMS – BML Relations date back 2 centuries
- BML was created 24 yrs after MMS in 1805
- BML recreation in 1875 planned in MMS Offices
- Dedicated MMS Rooms in BML 1901-1945
- NEJM housed in BML from 1927
- BML – Library of MMS from 1946
- BML Branch Library at MMS from 2001
- MMS appoints nearly ½ of BML Trustees

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MMS is its important constituency

Countway Library = Alliance of BML and Harvard
“Librarian for Harvard Medical and Boston Medical Libraries” funded by both

For BML Library Services
https://tinyurl.com/BML-Services
2017-2018 Recipients of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund:

Todd Carmody, “‘In Spite of Handicaps’: Uplift and Rehabilitation in Postbellum America”

Tabea Cornel, “Through the Brain into the Body: Handedness Research and the Problem of Sex/Gender, ca. 1860–2015”

Lacey Guest, “Counselees are not Guinea Pigs”: Marriage Education and the Marriage Counseling Debate, 1927-1959”

David Korostyshevsky, “Before Addiction: Medical Knowledge and the Problem of Intoxication During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries”

2016-2017 Recipients of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund:

Claire Cage (University of South Alabama)  
"Questions of Proof: Legal Medicine in France, 1789-1870"

Alexander P. Cameron-Smith (University of Sydney)  
"The Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine (FEATM) and the Pacific Science Association (PSA)"

Matthew James Crawford (Kent State University)  
"A Survey of Botanical and Chemical Medicaments in Pharmacopoeias, 1600-1900"

Brian Long (Whitman College)  
"The Viaticum of Constantine the African"

Brandon Sepulvado (University of Notre Dame)  
"Explaining the Formation of Disciplinary Networks: the Case of French Neurology"

2015-2016 Recipients of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund:

Brian D. Carroll (Central Washington University)  
"Burning the Hearts of the Dead: Medicine, Migration, and Vampire Belief in Early National New England"
Rose Holz (University of Nebraska-Lincoln)
"Dr. Robert L. Dickinson and the Making of a Modern Pro-Life Nation"

Kelly H. Jones (Stony Brook University)
"Needles, Herbs, and Qi: Chinese Medicine in the United States since World War II"

Scott Selberg (University of Michigan)
"Solomon C. Fuller and the Visual Culture of Alzheimer's Disease"

LaKisha Michelle Simmons (University at Buffalo, SUNY)
"Segregated Motherhood: Black Women, Medicine and Reproduction in the Jim Crow South, 1890-1960"

2014-2015 Recipients of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund:

Sare Aricanli (Princeton University)
"Reconsidering Imperial Medicine in China"

Jameson Garland (Uppsala Universitet)
"Sex Assignment and Gender Surgery in Young Children"

Ksenia O. Gorbenko (University of Pennsylvania)
"Sterilization and Efficiency in the Hospital Setting"

Christina J. Hodge (Peabody Museum, Harvard University)
"Anatomical Instruction, ca. 1800-1850: Contextualizing the Holden Chapel Archaeological Collection"

Catherine Newman Howe (Williams College)
"The Rodin of Obstetrics: Robert Latou Dickinson and the Fine Art of Medicine"

David Merritt Johns (Columbia University)
"The Salt Hypothesis: Contested Science and the Making of a Strategy for Prevention"

2013-2014 Recipients of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund:

Vanessa Burrows (City University of New York)
"The Medicalization of Stress: Hans Selye and the Postwar Medical Marketplace"

Erin R. Corrales-Diaz (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
"Remembering the Veteran: Disability, Trauma, and the American Civil War, 1861-1915"

Sean P. Phillips (University of Notre Dame)
"Pox in the Pulpit: the Catholic Church and Smallpox in France, 1724-1832"
James Poskett (Trinity College, University of Cambridge)
"Bumps beyond Borders: a Global History of Phrenology, 1820-1858"

Nicolas Rasmussen (University of New South Wales)
"Jean Mayer and the Cold War Obesity Crisis"

Thibaut Serviant-Fine (Universite Claude Bernard)
"Drugs and Tools: Antimetabolites in the Early History of Cancer Chemotherapy, 1940-1960"

List of current and previous years’ Fellows of the Boston Medical Library’s Francis A. Countway Library Fellowship in the History of Medicine funded by BML’s Abel Lawrence Peirson fund may be found at:
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Center for the History of Medicine public events, 2016-2017

“The Anatomy of Murder: Ethical Transgressions and Anatomical Science during the Third Reich” – Sabine Hildebrandt (September 20, 2016)

“The Great Moment (and the Advent of Anesthesia)” – Movie Night at MGH (co-sponsored, October 18, 2016)

“Dr. Saul Hertz (HMS ’29) Discovers the Medical Uses of Radioiodine (RAI)” – Lewis Braverman, Frederick Fahey, and M. Sara Rosenthal, Colloquium on the History of Psychiatry and Medicine (October 20, 2016)

“Less Medicine, More Health” – H. Gilbert Welch, Garland Lecture (November 3, 2016)

“Pyrrhic Progress: The History of the Use of Antibiotics in Agriculture in the United States and Britain” – Claas Kirchhelle (November 9, 2016)

“Madness, Politics, and Society: Toptasi Mental Asylum” – Fatih Artvinli, Colloquium on the History of Psychiatry and Medicine (November 17, 2016)


“From Farmer’s Daughter to Physician: The Advocacy, Activism, and Legacy of Dr. Mary Bennett Ritter and her Contemporaries” – Gesa E. Kirsch (April 25, 2017)

“A Celebration in Honor of the Opening of the Judah Folkman Papers” (May 18, 2017)

“Spare Parts: Hope, Drama, and Dispute” – Shelly McKellar, Estes Lecture (May 23, 2017)

“Gender and Risk Perception in the Development of Oral Contraceptives” – Kate Grauvogel (June 15, 2017)

Fellowships, awarded in spring 2017 (for 2017-2018 academic year)

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Todd Carmody, “‘In Spite of Handicaps’: Uplift and Rehabilitation in Postbellum America”

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David Korostyshevsky, “Before Addiction: Medical Knowledge and the Problem of Intoxication During the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries”

Christopher Willoughby, “Pedagogies of the Black Body: Racial Science and Slavery in American Medical Schools, 1765-1861”

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium Fellows 2017-2018


Chris Babits, “To Cure a Sinful Nation: A Cultural History of Conversion Therapy and the Making of Modern America, 1930 to the Present Day”

Renzo Baldasso, “The Emergence of the Visuality of the Printed Page from Gutenberg to Ratdolt: Case Studies in the Collections of the New England Consortium of Libraries”


Heather Sanford, “Palatable Slavery”

Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine Fellows 2017-2018

Maria Daxenbichler, “The Changing Field of Gynecology, 1880s-1920s”

Jordan Katz, “The Role of Jewish Midwives and Medical Women in the Early Modern Ashkenazi World”

Boston Medical Library books preserved, 2016-2017

1. **Samuel Sheldon,1801-1876.** A treatise on the causes and curability of diseases of the heart, stomach, liver, bowels, kidneys, etc.; and on the treatment of disease in middle aged and elderly people. London, 1861.

2. **Miles, Hallie Eustace.** Health without meat. London, 1918.
3. **Liedbeck, C. H.** A description of the vibrator (Amer. pat. No. 433011) and directions for use. Stockholm, 1891.
5. **Gurlt, Ernst Julius,** *Leitfaden für Operationsübungen am Cadaver und deren Verwertung beim lebenden Menschen.* Berlin, 1870.
6. **Burns, John,** *Popular directions for the treatment of the diseases of women and children.*
7. **Engelmann, George J. (George Julius),** *The use of electricity in gynecological practice.* Boston, 1886.
11. **Duncan, Andrew,** *Elements of the therapeutics.* Edinburgh, 1770.
12. **Forster, William, d. 1792.** A treatise on the causes of most diseases incident to human bodies, and the cure of them. London, 1746.

**BML volumes Digitized, 2016-2017**

320 BML journal volumes (as part of the Medical Heritage Library’s State Medical Journal Digitization Project) were digitized. The State Medical Journal Digitization project itself is nearly concluded, with over 2.5 million pages in 3,579 volumes digitized, from nearly every state in the country (with the notable exception of Massachusetts). These volumes are full-text searchable and provide a remarkable window on the evolution of medicine in the United States. They include advertisements, notices of local talks and events, and evolving commentary on the state of medicine throughout the 19th and 20th centuries (with the collection largely focused on the 20th century). The Countway, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, New York Academy of Medicine, UCSF, and University of Maryland played the key roles in completing the effort, funded through the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Arcadia Fund (through the Harvard Library), and HMS’ Talbott fund. The BML has been instrumental to the completion of this project, with nearly a thousand of its volumes included.

**BML Book Acquisitions, 2016-2017**
Additions during FY16 enhanced our holdings in such diverse areas birth control, psychic healing, smallpox and vaccination, cholera, phrenology, artificial limbs, geriatrics, yellow fever, botanic medicine, and legal medicine.

These are some notable acquisitions to the Boston Medical Library collection from the past year.

We continue to add to the library's holdings in early medical literature and acquired a copy of F. E. Fodéré's *Les lois éclairées par les sciences physiques* (1798-99), a three-volume study of medical jurisprudence and public health laws, through the Oliver Wendell Holmes Fund of the Boston Medical Library. With the Holmes Fund, we also purchased two titles illustrated with flap anatomical plates, the *Praktischer Hausschatz der Heilkunde* (circa 1915) of Paul Bergmann, and the *Livre d'or de la santé*, a second edition of a French translation of Platen's domestic medical manual *Die neue Heilmethode*; the third volume of this work, concerning sexual diseases, has its own lock and key. Additional Holmes Fund acquisitions are Francesco Calcara's *Relazione sul vaiuolo che ha dominato in Palermo e nei suoi sobborghi*, an 1872 study of a smallpox epidemic and a manufacturer's catalog of "La françoise" type of artificial leg (1919).

The Boston Medical Library's Norman E. Himes Fund allows for the purchase of items related to the history of birth control and human sexuality, and this year we acquired early 20th century product catalogs from the firms of R. Oschmann in Switzerland and Lambert & Company in England; and a two-volume work by Daniel J. Cobb, *The medical botanist, and expositor of diseases and remedies* (1846); the second volume, *The mother's guide*, describes the treatment of female diseases with botanic medicine, and is quite rare. Additional works on botanic medicine were purchased, including John H. Newman's *The home doctor* (1848), though the BML Historical Fund, and an 1876 Boston almanac, *Burnett's floral hand book*, through the Cataloging and Restoration Fund. Through the Essex Institute Fund, the library acquired several New England imprints, including a previously unknown manufacturer's catalog from the Faradic Electrifier Company of Boston from 1886; an 1878 edition of *Healy's guide to health*; and Benjamin Joy Jeffries' personal copy of his treatise, *Color-blindness: its dangers and detections* (1883), with a number of manuscript annotations. Another New England publication, a descriptive pamphlet from the Berkshire Hills Santorium in North Adams, circa 1900, proposes an alternative to surgery for cancer treatment; this was purchased through the Anonymous Fund. The Walter G. Phippen Memorial Fund was used to acquire the *Leçons sur l'asphyxie, l'hygiène des gens de mer, la médecine et la petite chirurgie de bord*, an 1842 manual for nautical hygiene and surgery by J.-B. Boulenger. The first issue of *The human nature library*, edited by Nelson Sizer, was added to our run of this phrenological publication through the Book Purchase Fund.