

Directory of History of Medicine Collections

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Holdings: Holdings at the John Hay Library in the History of Medicine are extensive, encompassing specialized collections in (among other topics) alcohol, temperance and addiction; pharmacopeia and materia medica; anesthesiology; anatomy and diet; gynecology; mycology; and ophthalmology. These are supplemented by a significant collection of historical medical instruments. Natural history in all its varieties is a particular strength of the collections of the John Hay Library.

Collection Subject Strengths: History of Anatomy; History of Anesthesiology and Anesthesia; History of Botany; History of Cookery and Nutrition; History of Dermatology; History of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases; History of Gynecology and Obstetrics; History of Medicine; History of Military/Naval Medicine; History of Ophthalmology and Optometry; History of Pharmacology and Pharmacy; History of Physiology; History of Public Health; Materia Medica

Other Collection Subject Strengths: Alcoholism and Addiction Studies

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