Dear Friends:

Like all NYC historical and cultural institutions, we had to curtail our monthly in-person open house talks. Since we still can’t see you in person, we’ve revived our popular First Monday tours virtually. We hope you enjoy July’s presentation, along with other highlights from our collections and beyond.

**Featured Video:**

**Exploring Our Digital Collections & Exhibits**

For July’s First Monday video tour, Historical Collections Librarian Arlene Shurer leads us through highlights of three of the Library’s digital collections and exhibits: Faces of NYC: The Making of Metropolitan Medicine; an Early Printed Anatomy; the William H. Halladay Collection of Pharmaceutical Trade Cards; and the Robert Mott Hospital Postcards Collection. Watch our social media accounts for future virtual tours coming up on the first Monday of each month!

**Images from the Past:**

**Butterfly Weed**

William F.C. Barton’s Vegetable Metrozine Medicine of the United States, or, Medical History was published between 1817 and 1819, with plates hand-colored by Esther Barton. William’s wife, for summer, we look at one of the 51 plates in our digital collection: butterfly weed, Asclepias tuberosa. A species of milkweed with bright coral orange flowers, its roots were used to treat respiratory illnesses.

**From the Collections:**

**Yvonne S. Thornton**

Memoirs of African American physicians are valuable accounts, showing struggles and triumphs in coming up through the American medical system. NYAM Fellow Yvonne S. Thornton chronicles her life in Something to Pray: A Daughter’s Journey to Fill in Father’s Legacy (2010). This and similar memoirs are in the Library’s collections.

**From the Blog:**

**Dr. David Hosack, Physician to Hamilton and Burr**

With Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Hamilton now available for streaming, we revisit a blog post on Dr. David Hosack, noted New York physician in the early American republic and the attending physician at the famous 1804 Hamilton-Burr duel. NYAM’s Hosack Hall is named after his son Alexander Hosack.

**Color Our Collections**

Beginning this week we will start some summer travels...at least in our imaginations. Check out the coloring book of the Wades Higher Education Librarian, showing images connected to the Celtic nation. Color Our Collections gives free coloring books featuring images from libraries, archives and museums around the world.

**Noted Elsewhere:**

How Epidemics End

Historians of medicine Jeremy A. Greene of Johns Hopkins University and Dora Vargha of the University of Exeter look at the intertwined biological and social arcs of past epidemics, as they show the difficulty of seeing how, or even when, epidemics end. See their recent article in the Boston Review. Greene spoke at NYAM in 2014 on his book *Generic: The Unbranding of Modern Medicine*.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Library. As we wait, stay safe, stay engaged and stay connected.

The NYAM Library Team

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