

Medical Bookplates (Ex Libris) Continue to Fascinate

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Introduction

Bookplates have value and provide:

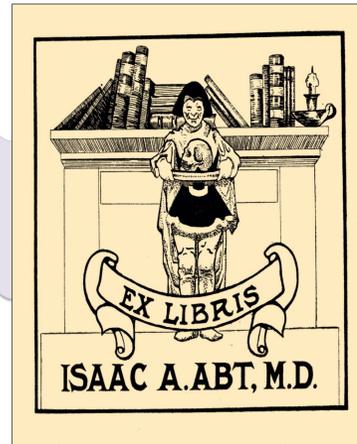
- Clues about a book's provenance
- Personalization: owner's name, profession, interests
- Opportunities for artistic expression (by the artist and for the book owner)
- Opportunities for libraries to acquire, collect, research, feature, and appreciate them

"At its most basic, a bookplate is a slip of paper bearing the name of the book's owner; at its most grand, it may be a veritable work of art as well."

"Books" section, Huffington Post, 4/2/2014

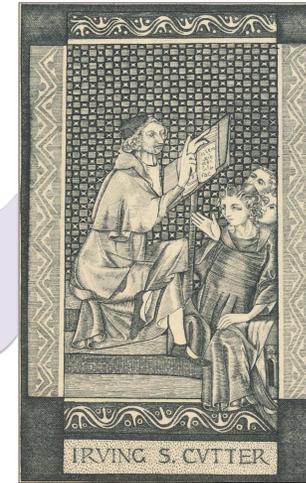
"Each one added has its own especial interest, in history, in artistry, in association, and some through mottos even preach us a sermon."

Ethel A. Washburn, Ex-Libris in a Medical Library, Bulletin of the Medical Library Association 27(4):23-6, 1939



Isaac A. Abt (1867-1955)

- Alumnus (MD- 1891)
- Professor of Pediatrics (Diseases of Children) at NUMS and NU Woman's Medical College
- Created first physiological laboratory
- Author of *Baby's Food*
- Editor of *System of Pediatrics*
- Author of numerous monographs related to diseases of childhood
- Advisory staff, Chicago Health Department
- President of the American Pediatric Society; Chicago Pediatric Society; Children's Hospital Society...
- Conferred the Cross of the Legion of Honor in recognition of distinguished services as a pediatrician
- *Baby Doctor* (autobiography)



Irving Cutter (1875-1945)

- First administrative Dean (1926)
- Shepherded growth of the medical library on the medical school's new Chicago campus
- Re-established *Quarterly Bulletin of Northwestern University Medical School* (1940)
- Medical editor of *The Chicago Tribune*
- Medical director of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway
- President of the AAMC (1923); Chicago Medical Society (1934); Society of Medical History of Chicago (1934)

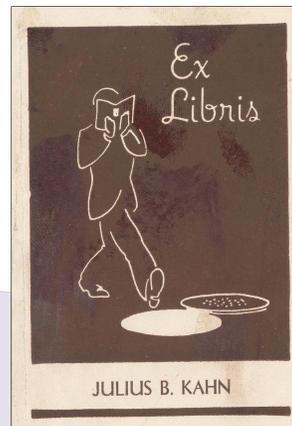
"In the historical side of medicine that he found his greatest source of relaxation and pleasure" (Leslie B. Arey)

Sources

- Donated books
- General collection
- Faculty collection
- Special Collections
- Old library files

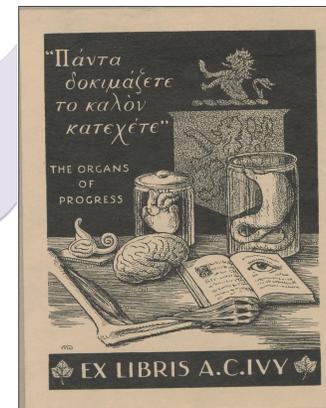
Themes and Symbols

- Caduceus
- Skeleton
- Skull, skeletal arm
- Specimen
- Book
- Pen
- Scribe
- Reader
- Scholar



Julius B. Kahn (1921-1968)*

- Department of Pharmacology: associate professor (1961); professor (1963); chair (1966-68)
- Editor of *The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics* (1965-68)
- Special consultant to the office of the Surgeon General
- Fellowship established in his name by his father (also Julius B. Kahn*)



Andrew C. Ivy (1893-1978)

- Professor, Head, Division of Physiology and Pharmacology (1925-45)
- Twice awarded the AMA's Gold Medal for scientific investigation
- Civilian director of the Naval Medical Research Institute, Bethesda, MD (1942/43); later- a consultant
- President of the American Physiological Society (1939-41); the American Gastroenterological Society (1940/41)
- Executive Director, The National Advisory Cancer Council (1947-51)
- With colleagues, author of >1500 highly cited papers
- Founder of the Ivy Research Foundation

"He has been both a clinician's physiologist and physiologist's clinician" (Carl A. Dragstedt)

Conclusion

Guidelines for identification, management, and use include:

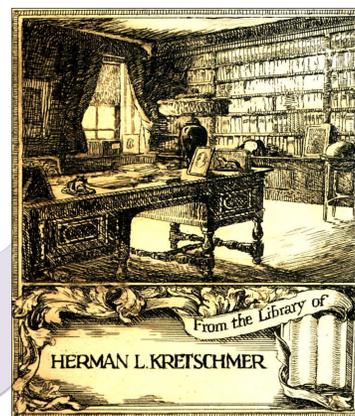
- Providing specific instructions regarding bookplates to be used in collection review, weeding projects, inventories (*Bookplates featured here were found in books held by the Galter Library*)
- Documenting history, provenance, and other descriptive information (about the books, their owners, and the bookplates)
- Enhancing catalog records for the books to include descriptions
- Scanning and creating a digitized collection
- Depositing images in an institutional repository, adding metadata
- Spotlighting the books or the scanned images in displays and online
- Using to illustrate articles that celebrate people or institution's history
- Focusing on the art (or artist), the subject, the historical period, or the relevance to the institution
- Continuing to seek, collect, research, and spotlight...

Dissemination

- Repositories
- Displays
- Websites
- LibGuides
- Posters
- Articles

Bookplates

- Personalization
- Symbolism
- Whimsy
- Art



Herman L. Kretschmer (1879-1951)

- Alumnus (PhG- 1900; MD- 1904; honorary DSc- 1944)
- Urologist (one of first clinical professors with this focus)
- American Board of Urology founding member and president (1934-45)
- Author of ~300 papers
- Donor and benefactor to the medical library and the medical school's urology department