

Implementing a Digital Experience for the Physical Exhibit: Dental Instruments Past & Present

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The Physical Exhibit

The physical exhibit came together in early 2015. Under the leadership of Susan White, Head of Electronic Resource Management for the Health Sciences Library. The collection comprises pieces from multiple donors.



Despite minimal handling and controlled environment, deterioration of printed materials has been steadily progressing.

NNLM Grant

In the summer of 2017 SBU Librarians Kate Kasten, Jamie Saragossi & Shafeek Fazal received an award from NNLM-MAR to fund the creation of an online exhibit. Our intentions were to preserve the physical exhibit as a cohesive collection and bring awareness to the history of dental medicine.

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The Digital Exhibit

The online version of the collection was launched in April 2018. Images of over 180 instruments, supplies, ads, and dental materials are freely available along with all corresponding meta-data.



The Launch



Lecture given by Dr. Andrew Spielman of NYU. In attendance, Barbara Russell Brookhaven historian and daughter of Sherman Mills, donor to collection as well as Dr. Allan Kucine Associate Dean of Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and donor to collection.

Project Team

It took a village! Kathleen Kasten, Jamie Saragossi, Dana Haugh, Keith Krejci, Jason Torre, Chris Sauerwald, Bushra Butt, Anastasia Chiu, Darren Chase, Ann Gleason, Susan White, Shafeek Fazal, John Fitzgerald, Victoria Pilato & Tim Fitzpatrick



The Future



- Integrate the digital collection with other history of medicine collections.
- Provide access to the collection through the NLM site.
- Maintain the exhibit website for continuous access.