

The University of Iowa History of Medicine Society and the University Libraries
invite you to an
Open House in the John Martin Rare Book Room

Birthing, Midwifery and Obstetrics through History

Thursday, March 26, 2015, 4:00-7:30

John Martin Rare Book Room, 4th floor
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences

Twenty eight books from 1551 to 1894
will be on display covering anatomy,
midwifery, early obstetrics, and disease.



JACQUES PIERRE MAYGRIER (1771-1835). *Nouvelles démonstrations d'accouchemens, avec des planches en taille-douce*. 1822. Maygrier was one of a number of French obstetricians who followed the tradition of Jean Louis Baudelocque in refining the science of midwifery. This text-book contains a series of eighty large engravings covering virtually every phase of childbirth.



ANGÉLIQUE-MARGUERITE LE BOURSIER DU COUDRAY (1712-1789). *Abrégé de l'art des accouchements*. 1777. Le Boursier, a prominent Parisian midwife, first published this work in 1759 to aid French midwives and to improve the survival rate of newborns.