"Off the Shelf" is a new monthly program at the Museum Library, modelled on the Penn Museum’s weekly "Unearthed in the Archives" program that is temporarily suspended due to the renovation of Penn Museum galleries. On the last Friday of each month, together with a guest curator, we will set up something truly special from the Museum Library’s collections for one hour, 3-4PM, on the Museum Library’s first level. First up:

*Description de l’Egypte* (1809-1828)
Friday, September 28, 3-4PM
Museum Library

More than 160 savants accompanied the Napoleonic military expedition to Egypt, which launched in 1798. Even following Napoleon’s return to France, many of the scholars remained behind to document antiquities, modern settlements, topography, waterways, flora, and fauna. Their studies and illustrations were compiled in more than 20 volumes, *Description de l’Egypte, ou, Recueil des observations et des recherches qui ont été faites en Égypte pendant l’expédition de l’armée française* (1809-1828). This beautifully illustrated publication had enormous influence on European and American interests in ancient and modern Egypt.

You are welcome to join Ph.D. candidate in NELC, Paul Verhelst, and Head of the Museum Library, Deb Stewart, in the Museum Library from 3-4PM on Friday, 9/28 to discuss the Napoleonic expedition to Egypt and this extraordinary publication. During this one-hour "pop-up exhibit," several volumes will be on display, and library staff will be available to turn the pages for viewing by Penn students, faculty, and staff as well as visitors to the Penn Museum.