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***Hot Topics: Library Holiday Hours; Information Desk Staff Changes; Genotype and Phenotype a New NCBI Database (dbGaP); Microsoft Office PowerPoint Classes; January Library Classes***

## ***Library Holiday Hours***

The Library will be open on Monday January 15, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No reference services will be available. Regular hours resume on Tuesday January 16.

## ***Information Desk Staff Changes***

Beginning January 16, the Information Services (IS) desk and the Circulation desk will merge. All questions will be answered by the Circulation staff. Librarians will be on call to handle computer search requests, database training, PubMed search strategy consultation, access to electronic resources and other reference related information.

Librarians will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. There will be a Librarian staffing the IS Desk on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Questions can also be sent to [ask a Librarian](#) via the Library's webpage.

For more information contact [Deborah Halsted](#) or 713.799.7163

## ***Genotype and Phenotype a New NCBI Database (dbGaP)***

A new database developed by the National Library of Medicine and the National Center for Biotechnology was introduced last month. *dbGaP* is designed to archive and distribute data from Genome Wide Association Studies (GWA) . These studies explore the association between specific genes (genotype information) and observable traits, such as blood pressure and weight, or the presence or absence of a disease or condition (phenotype information). The initial release contains data on two studies: The age-related eye disease studies and the Parkinson study.

More information is available at:

[http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/press\\_releases/dbgap\\_launchPR06.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/press_releases/dbgap_launchPR06.html)

To access *dbGaP* visit the link:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=gap>

***Microsoft Office PowerPoint Classes***

The HAM-TMC Library in conjunction with New-Horizons Houston will be offering two classes on Microsoft Office PowerPoint 2003. The HAM-TMC Library classroom is located at 1133 John Freeman Blvd., Houston, TX 77030-2809. All classes will be held in the Street Level Classroom.

Microsoft PowerPoint, Level One: 1 Day January 23 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$120.00

Microsoft PowerPoint, Level Two;1 Day January 30 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. \$120.00

To register go to:

<http://resource.library.tmc.edu/classes/register/msofficeregistration.cfm>

Questions? Contact Mary Jackson at: 713.799.7170 or

[mary.jackson@exch.library.tmc.edu](mailto:mary.jackson@exch.library.tmc.edu)

***January Library Classes***

Library Research for Office Assistants and PubMed will be offered in January. Classes are free and are held in the Library classroom.

To view a complete schedule and to register, check the Library web site:

<http://www.library.tmc.edu/classes/listclasses.cfm>

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