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Join us for a curatorial tour of the new Medical Library exhibit "Deaf: Cultures and Communication, 1600-Present" on Friday, February 19 at 12 noon. Student curators are Katherrine Healey and Caroline Lieffers, Doctoral Students in the History of Science and Medicine.

What is deafness? From a medical perspective, deafness is an audiological condition that might be resolved through hearing aids or cochlear implants. But from another perspective, to be Deaf (often spelled with a capital "D") is to belong to a culture, with a shared language and identity. This exhibit explores how people have understood deaf communication and Deaf culture since the seventeenth century, with displays on the history of education, medical interventions, sign languages, and popular culture. ALS interpretation will be provided.

This exhibit runs through Friday, April 1, 2016.

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