

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Resources for Teachers and Families

Led by Marsha Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, two trans women of color, the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 was a turning point in LGBTQ+ history, leading to the first Gay Pride March in NYC one year later and eventually, the designation of June as Pride Month. June is a time to affirm our commitment and support for today's LGBTQ+ people of all ages, genders, sexualities, and orientations, while paying tribute to the generations lost to centuries of oppression. Although a tremendous amount of progress has been made since 1969, we continue to see a backlash against the LGBTQ+ community. This year, we would like to call attention to the physical and [legislative attacks](#) on trans youth, as well as the rash of book challenges and [bans](#) that seek to erase LGBTQ+ stories from schools and beyond. Though these developments are chilling, we can continue to advocate for change—and that can start with reading as widely as possible.

Springhurst librarian Lauren Rodriguez, Middle/High School media specialist Ellen Elsen, and K-8 literacy coordinator Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek have teamed up with Dobbs Ferry Public Library children's librarian Gina Elbert to update this resource list so you can dive deeper into queer literature for kindergarten through 12th grade and explore online resources for LGBTQ+ youth and adults. We have done our best to include the stories of trans people in particular, both historical and contemporary. The resource list features a number of websites and books that affirm the wide range of LGBTQ+ experiences. **This is a sampling of available resources and not an exhaustive list. If you would like help finding more, please contact your librarian(s).**

Online Resources

"9 LGBTQ+ People Explain How They Love, Hate, and Understand the Word 'Queer'"

<https://www.them.us/story/what-does-queer-mean>

"Queer" is used by more people — and defined in more varied ways— than ever before. In their own words, nine LGBTQ+ people explain what this divisive, liberating term means to them.

"Building Diverse Collections of LGBTQ-Inclusive Children's Literature to Expand Windows and Mirrors for Youth" by Stephen Adam Crawley

<https://ncte.org/blog/2019/03/lgbtq-inclusive-childrens-literature/>

This blog post can help guide teachers in making selections for their classroom libraries that represent the totality of the population of children that they serve.

Center Lane for LGBTQ+ Youth

<https://www.wjcs.com/services/centerlane/>

This organization, part of the Westchester Jewish Community Services, was the first and is still the only program and educational center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) youth, ages 13-21, in Westchester county.

Diverse BookFinder

[https://diversebookfinder.org/books/?dbf-search=1&fq\[\]=content%3A%22LGBQ%22](https://diversebookfinder.org/books/?dbf-search=1&fq[]=content%3A%22LGBQ%22)

Diverse BookFinder is a database that allows users to consider diverse picture books in relation to each other and identify representation trends within the world of "diverse books" itself. Their search engine includes a filter for LGBTQ+ content, but it should be noted that inclusion in the database is not an endorsement of a title.

GLSEN

<https://www.glsen.org/>

"As GLSEN was founded by a group of teachers in 1990, we knew that educators play key roles in creating affirming learning environments for LGBTQ youth... Together, we can transform our nation's K-12 schools into the safe and affirming environment all youth deserve."

GSA Network

<https://gsanetwork.org/>

"GSA Network is a next-generation LGBTQ racial and gender justice organization that empowers and trains queer, trans and allied youth leaders to advocate, organize, and mobilize an intersectional movement for safer schools and healthier communities."

How LGBTQIA+ Book Bans Impact Kids and Teens

<https://diversebooks.org/how-lgbtqia-book-bans-impact-kids-and-teens/>

This blog post from We Need Diverse Books explores how the recent increase in book challenges and book bans harms LGBTQ+ youth.

Lambda Literary

<https://www.lambdaliterary.org/>

"For over 30 years, Lambda Literary has championed LGBTQ books and authors. No other organization in the world serves LGBTQ writers and readers more comprehensively than Lambda Literary. We believe that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer literature is fundamental to the preservation of our culture, and that LGBTQ lives are affirmed when our stories are written, published, and read."

LGBTQ Reads

<https://lgbtqreads.com/>

LGBTQ Reads is a site dedicated to promoting curated LGBTQIA+ literature for all ages, run by author and blogger Dahlia Adler.

LGBTQ Resource Center Glossary

<https://lgbtqia.ucdavis.edu/educated/glossary>

There are a lot of terms to know when it comes to fully understanding everything you need to know about LGBTQIA+ issues. This glossary from UC Davis was compiled by staff members of LGBTQIA+ Resource Center and can provide helpful definitions for those who are building their vocabularies. Includes some mature content.

LGBTQ Resource List from GLAAD

<https://www.glaad.org/resourcelist>

GLAAD is an American non-governmental media monitoring organization, founded as a protest against defamatory coverage of LGBT people. Its agenda has since extended to the entertainment industry and its portrayal of these groups. This resource list can help you find more information than what is already contained in this document.

MAP (Movement Advancement Project)

<https://www.lgbtmap.org/resource-page>

This resource page provides information about and links to organizations working to improve the lives of LGBTQ individuals, as well as guides to talking about LGBTQ issues and updates on relevant legal issues.

National Coalition Against Censorship

<https://ncac.org/resource/book-censorship-toolkit>

This toolkit provides information on book challenges and censorship and provides ideas of ways to combat it. Book challenges and censorship often target books depicting the LGBTQ+ community.

Queer Books for Teens

<https://queerbooksforteens.com/>

"This website seeks to be a comprehensive list of all LGBTQIA+ YA titles published between 2000 and 2020. It includes all major and indie US presses and selective self-published material. This website is not meant to act as a list of book recommendations, although we provide best of lists for those who seek recommendations. These lists were commissioned from experts who share that identity and feature what they felt were the best representations that specific set of identities."

Resources for the Trans and Gender Non-Confirming Community

https://www.nypl.org/sites/default/files/nyc_resources_for_the_tgnc_community.pdf

Includes resources for hotlines, self-defense, legal help, and education for trans and gender non-confirming community and their families and allies.

Resources for LGBTQ Youth from New York State

<https://ocfs.ny.gov/programs/youth/lgbtq/resources-youth.php>

The Office of Children and Family Services is dedicated to treating all youth, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity and expression, with respect and dignity. Here,

you can find links for mental health support, safe shelter, foster care, and local resources.

Safe Schools Coalition

<http://safeschoolscoalition.org/>

“Safe Schools Coalition, located in Washington State, is a public-private partnership, in support of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, queer and questioning youth, working to help schools become safe places where every family can belong, where every educator can teach, and where every child can learn, regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.”

SAMHSA Native Connections

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/nc-lgbtq2s-resources.pdf>

“Two Spirit” is the term some Native Americans use to describe those who don’t fit into the gender binary. Historically, Two Spirit individuals were seen as spiritual leaders and were given special roles in the community. This is a list of resources to support those who identify as Two Spirit or who are otherwise members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Support Hotlines List from PFLAG

<https://pflag.org/hotlines>

“The hotlines listed below provide services to callers across the country. If you're looking for a local support network, also contact one of PFLAG's more than 400 chapters in the United States.”

The Trevor Project

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

“Founded in 1998 by the creators of the Academy Award®-winning short film TREVOR, The Trevor Project is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer & questioning (LGBTQ) young people under 25.”

Social Media Accounts to Follow

An easy way to add to the LGBTQIA+ voices in your life is by following accounts on social media that focus on relevant issues for that community. Below are a few literature-centered accounts you may want to follow:

- **@bookstagramrepresent** on [Instagram](#): a book blogger who shares mostly BIPOC/LGBTQIA+ middle grade and YA novels.
- **@dqshwestchester** on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#): the local chapter of Drag Queen Story which is just what it sounds like—drag queens reading stories to children in libraries, schools, and bookstores.
- **@lambdaliterary** on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#): Celebrating #Queer books all day, every day. Home to the #Lammys, @lambdalitfest and @lgbtqwis.

- **@queerkidstuff** on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#): virtual sing-alongs and storytimes from the creators of an LGBTQ+ and social justice webseries for kids.
- **@thetinyactivists** on [Instagram](#): two passionate educators who strive to empower teachers, parents, and caregivers to redefine their read-alouds as the journey to unlearn and dismantle white supremacy continues.
- **@trevorproject** on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Facebook](#): The leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ youth.
- **@weneeddiversebooks** on [Instagram](#) and **@diversebooks** on [Twitter](#): an organization dedicating to putting more books featuring diverse characters into the hands of children.

Booklist

Below is a list of recently published books that the DF school librarians and DFPL children's librarian recommend as starting points for education and discussion. You can access items marked with a blue dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry school libraries and items marked with a yellow dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Please contact your librarians to put them on hold and/or learn more information about the formats in which these titles are available.

Picture Books: Fiction

- *47,000 Beads* by Koja Adeyoha ● ●
- *Adventures with My Daddies* by Gareth Peter ●
- *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell ● ●
- *Auntie Uncle* by Ellie Royce ●
- *The Boy & the Bindi* by Vivek Shraya ●
- *Call Me Max* by Kyle Lukoff ●
- *A Church For All* by Gayle E. Pitman ● ●
- *Cuando Amamos Cantamos / When We Love Someone We Sing to Them* by Ernesto Javier Martinez ●
- *Families, Families, Families!* by Suzanne Lang ●
- *From Archie to Zack* by Vincent X. Kirsch ●
- *From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea* by Kai Cheng Thom ●
- *Grandad's Camper* by Harry Woodgate ● ●
- *Harriet Gets Carried Away* by Jessie Sima ● ●
- *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish* by Lil' Hot Mess ●
- *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco ● ●
- *Introducing Teddy* by Jessica Walton ● ●
- *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love ● ●

- *Kapaemanhu* by Hinaleimoana Wong-Kalu, Dean Hamer, Joe Wilson, and Daniel Sousa ●
- *Large Fears* by Myles E. Johnson
- *Maiden & Princess* by Daniel Haack and Isabel Galupo ●
- *Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle* by Nina LaCour ●
- *The Meaning of Pride* by Rosie Thor ●
- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino ● ●
- *My Maddy* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *My Mommy, My Mama, My Brother, and Me: These Are the Things We Found by the Sea* by Natalie Meisner ●
- *My Two Moms and Me* and *My Two Dads and Me* by Michael Joosten ●
- *Old MacDonald Had a Baby* by Emily Snape ●
- *Papa, Daddy and Riley* by Seamus Kirst ● ●
- *A Plan for Pops* by Heather Smith ●
- *Plenty of Hugs* by Frank Manushkin ● ●
- *Prince & Knight* by Daniel Haack and Steve Lewis ● ●
- *Rainbow* by Michael Genhart ●
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall ● ●
- *Ritu Weds Chandni* by Ameya Narvankar
- *Stella Brings the Family* by Miriam B. Schiffer ● ●
- *Tale of the Shadow King* by Daniel Haack ● ●
- *A Tale of Two Mommies* and *A Tale of Two Daddies* by Vanita Oeschlager ●
- *They, She, He, Me: Free to Be!* by Maya Christina Gonzalez ● ●
- *'Twas the Night Before Pride* by Joanna McClintock and Juane Medina ●
- *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen ● ●
- *When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff ● ●
- *Worm Loves Worm* by J.J. Austrian ● ●
- *Zak's Safari: A Story about Donor-Conceived Kids of Two-Mom Families* by Christy Tyner ●

Picture Books: Nonfiction

- *Be Amazing: A History of Pride* by Desmond Napoles and Dylan Glynn ●
- *Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century Long Struggle for LGBT Rights* by Jerome Pohlem ● ●
- *The Gender Wheel* by Maya Christina Gonzalez ●
- *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings ●
- *It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity* by Theresa Thorn ● ●
- *Our Subway Baby* by Peter Mercurio ● ●

- *People of Pride: 25 Great LGBTQ Americans* by Chase Clemesha ● ●
- *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders ● ●
- *Sewing the Rainbow: The Story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag* by Gayle E. Pitman and Holly Clifton-Brown ● ●
- *Sharice's Big Voice* by Sharice Davids ● ●
- *Stonewall: A Building, an Uprising* by Rob Sanders ● ●
- *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution!: The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History* by Joy Michael Ellison ● ●
- *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *Two Grooms on a Cake* by Rob Sanders
- *When You Look Out the Window: How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Built a Community* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *Who Are You? A Kids' Guide to Gender Identity* by Brooke Pessin-Whedbee ●

Middle Grade Graphic Novels

- *Beetle and the Hollowbones* by Aliza Layne ●
- *The Breakaways* by Cathy G. Johnson ●
- *The Deep & Dark Blue* by Niki Smith ● ●
- *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier ● ●
- *Goldie Vance* by Hope Larson and Brittney Williams ●
- *Jo: An Adaptation of Little Women (Sort Of)* by Kathleen Gros ●
- *Jukebox* by Nidhi Chanani ● ●
- *Kim Reaper* by Sarah Graley ●
- *Lumberjanes* by Kay Leyh ● ●
- *Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy: A Graphic Novel* by Rey Teciero and Bre Indigo ●
- *The Prince and the Dressmaker* by Jen Wang ● ●
- *Princess, Princess, Ever After* by Katie O'Neill ●
- *Snapdragon* by Kay Leyh ● ●
- *The Tea Dragon Society* by Katie O'Neill ●
- *The Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag ● ●

Middle Grade Fiction

- *Alan Cole is Not a Coward* by Eric Bell ●
- *Alice Austen Lived Here* by Alex Gino ●
- *Ana on the Edge* by A.J. Sass ●
- *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi ● ●
- *The Best at It* by Maulik Pancholy ● ●
- *The Best Man* by Richard Peck ● ●
- *Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle ● ●

- *Cattywampus* by Ash van Otterloo ●
- *The Deepest Breath* by Meg Grehan ● ●
- *Different Kinds of Fruit* by Kyle Lukoff ●
- *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee ● ●
- *Ellen Between the Lines* by A.J. Sass ●
- *Felix Yz* by Lisa Bunker ● ●
- *Hazel's Theory of Evolution* by Lisa Jenn Bigelow ●
- *A High Five for Glenn Burke* by Phil Bildner ● ●
- *How to Become a Planet* by Nicole Melleby ●
- *Hurricane Child* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* by Ashley Herring Blake ● ●
- *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephardt ● ●
- *Magnus Chase* series by Rick Riordan ● ●
- *Melissa* (formerly titled *George*) by Alex Gino ● ●
- *The Moon Within* by Aida Salazar ●
- *The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James* by Ashley Herring Blake ●
- *Pepper's Rules for Secret Sleuthing* by Briana McDonald ●
- *Rick* by Alex Gino ● ●
- *Sal and Gabi Break the Universe* by Carlos Hernandez ● ●
- *The Ship We Built* by Lexi Bean ●
- *Spin with Me* by Ami Polonsky ●
- *To Night Owl From Dogfish* by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer ● ●
- *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff ● ●
- *Trials of Apollo* series by Rick Riordan ● ●
- *Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor* by Xiran Jay Zhao ●
- *Zenobia July* by Lisa Bunker ● ●

Middle Grade Nonfiction

- *Gender Identity: Beyond Pronouns and Bathrooms* by Maria Cook ● ●
- *Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights* by Jerome Pohlen ● ●
- *Growing Up Trans: In Our Own Words*, edited by Lindsay Herriot and Katie Fry
- *Our Gay History in Fifty States* by Zaylore Stout
- *Pride Day: Celebrating Diversity & Community* by Robin Stevenson ●
- *Rainbow Revolutionaries: 50 LGBTQ+ People Who Made History* by Sarah Prager ● ●
- *Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU* by Cory Silverberg ●

- *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets* by Gayle E. Pitman ● ●

Young Adult Graphic Novels

- *As the Crow Flies* by Melanie Gillman ●
- *The Avant-Guards* by Carly Usdin and Noah Hayes ● ●
- *Bloom* by Kevin Panetta ●
- *Check, Please!* by Ngozi Ukazu ● ●
- *Cheer Up: Love and Pompoms* by Crystal Frasier ●
- *Coming Back* by Jessie Zabarsky ●
- *Flamer* by Mike Curato ● ●
- *The Girl from the Sea* by Molly Knox Ostertag ● ●
- *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman ● ●
- *Honor Girl* by Maggie Thrash ● ●
- *Juliet Takes a Breath* by Gaby Rivera ● ●
- *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me* by Mariko Tamaki ●
- *Mooncakes* by Wendy Xu ●
- *Nimona* by Noelle Stevenson ● ●
- *On A Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden ● ●
- *Our Dreams at Dusk* by Yuhki Kamatani ●
- *Spinning* by Tillie Walden ●
- *Taproot* by Keezy Young ●
- *This One Summer* by Mariko & Jillian Tamaki ● ●
- *Times I Knew I Was Gay* by Eleanor Crewes ●

Young Adult Fiction

- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz ● ●
- *Be Dazzled* by Ryan La Sala ●
- *The Black Flamingo* by Dean Atta ● ●
- *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas ● ●
- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo ● ●
- *Darius the Great Deserves Better* by Adib Khorram ● ●
- *The Darkness Outside Us* by Eliot Schrefer ●
- *Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger ● ●
- *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Flash Fire* by T.J. Klune ●
- *Follow Your Arrow* by Jessica Verdi ●
- *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating* by Adiba Jaigirdar ●
- *The Henna Wars* by Adiba Jaigirdar ● ●

- *The House in the Cerulean Sea* by T.J. Klune ● ●
- *I'll Be The One* by Lyla Lee ●
- *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson ● ●
- *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao ● ●
- *Jay's Gay Agenda* by Jason June ●
- *Juliet Takes A Breath* by Gabby Rivera ● ●
- *Kiss & Tell* by Adib Khorram ●
- *Lark & Kasim Start a Revolution* by Kacen Callender ●
- *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo ● ●
- *Leah on the Offbeat* by Becky Albertalli ● ●
- *Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian ●
- *Love & Other Natural Disasters* by Misa Sugiura ●
- *Love, Creekwood* by Becky Albertalli ●
- *Loveless* by Alice Oseman ●
- *Meet Cute Diary* by Emery Lee ● ●
- *The Miseducation of Cameron Post* by Emily Danforth ● ●
- *Nothing Burns as Bright as You* by Ashley Woodfolk ●
- *Only Mostly Devastated* by Sophie Gonzales ●
- *Out Now: Queer We Go Again!* edited by Sandra Mitchell ●
- *Perfect on Paper* by Sophie Gonzales ●
- *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi ● ●
- *Pumpkin* by Julie Murphy ● ●
- *Radio Silence* by Alice Oseman ●
- *Rise to the Sun* by Leah Johnson ●
- *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli ● ●
- *This Is Kind of an Epic Love Story* by Kacen Callender ●
- *Verona Comics* by Jennifer Dugan ● ●
- *We Are Lost and Found* by Helene Dunbar ●
- *What If It's Us* by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera ● ●
- *The Whispering Door* by T.J. Klune ●
- *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan ● ●
- *You Should See Me In A Crown* by Leah Johnson ● ●

Young Adult Nonfiction

- *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater ● ●
- *All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir Manifesto* by George M. Johnson ● ●
- *Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* by Jazz Jennings ● ●
- *Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin ● ●
- *Gay America: Struggle for Equality* by Linas Alsenas ●

- *Gender Identity: Beyond Pronouns and Bathrooms* by Maria Cook ● ●
- *Gender Queer: A Memoir* by Maia Kobabe ●
- *The Gender Quest Workbook* by Deborah Coolhart and Rylan Jay Testa ● ●
- *Honor Girl: A Graphic Memoir* by Maggie Thrash ●
- *The Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to Their Young Selves* edited by Sarah Moon ●
- *LGBTQ+ Athletes Claim the Field: Striving for Equality* by Kirstin Cronn-Mills ●
- *No Way, They Were Gay? Hidden Lives and Secret Loves* by Lee Wind ● ●
- *The Pocket Change Collective* (various titles) by various authors ●
- *Pride Day* by Robin Stevenson ●
- *A Queer History of the United States for Young People* by Michael Bronski ●
- *Queer, There, and Everywhere* by Sarah Prage and Zoe More O'Ferrall ●
- *A Quick & Easy Guide to Queer & Trans Identities* by Mady M. Giuliani ●
- *Rainbow Revolutions: Power, Pride and Protest in the Fight for Queer Rights* by Jamie Lawson ●
- *Seeing Gender: An Illustrated Guide to Identity and Expression* by Iris Gottlieb and Kacen Callender ●
- *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets* by Gayle E. Pitman ● ●
- *Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard* by Alex Bertie
- *Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington* by Jacqueline Houtman ●