

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Resources for Teachers and Families

Times may be tough, but there's no stopping the celebration of the spectrum of human experience in June. We are here to commemorate the generations lost to years of persecution and to epidemics like the AIDS crisis, as well as show love to today's LGBTQIA+ people of all ages, genders, sexualities, and orientations. This year (2021), the Dobbs Ferry Public Schools have teamed up to mark an intersectional Pride Month by creating a resource list in partnership with the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. 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 and teen librarian Allee Manning to create this resource list to help you dive deeper into queer literature for kindergarten through 12th grade. **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 more variously defined — 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.

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.”

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.

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 that what is already contained in this document.

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 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.”

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 ●
- *Worm Loves Worm* by J.J. Austrian ●
- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino ●
- *Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen ●
- *Rainbow* by Michael Genhart ●
- *Maiden & Princess* by Daniel Haack and Isabel Galupo ●
- *They, She, He, Me: Free to Be!* by Maya Christina Gonzalez ●
- *Prince & Knight* by Daniel Haack and Steve Lewis ●
- *Red: A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall ●●
- *My Two Moms and Me* and *My Two Dads and Me* by Michael Joosten ●
- *From Archie to Zack* by Vincent X. Kirsch ●
- *Families, Families, Families!* by Suzanne Lang ●
- *The Hips on the Drag Queen Go Swish, Swish, Swish* by Lil' Hot Mess ●
- *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love ●●
- *Call Me Max* by Kyle Lukoff ●

- *When Aidan Became a Brother* by Kyle Lukoff ●●
- *Cuando Amamos Cantamos / When We Love Someone We Sing to Them* by Ernesto Javier Martinez ●
- *My mommy, my mama, my brother, and me: these are the things we found by the sea* by Natalie Meisner ●
- *Ritu Weds Chandni* by Ameya Narvankar
- *A Tale of Two Mommies* and *A Tale of Two Daddies* by Vanita Oeschlager ●
- *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell ●●
- *Adventures with My Daddies* by Gareth Peter ●
- *A Church For All* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *My Maddy* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco ●
- *Auntie Uncle* by Ellie Royce ●
- *Stella Brings the Family* by Miriam B. Schiffer ●
- *The Boy & The Bindi* by Vivek Shraya ●
- *A Plan for Pops* by Heather Smith ●
- *Old MacDonald Had a Baby* by Emily Snape ●
- *Zak's Safari: a story about donor-conceived kids of two-mom families* by Christy Tyner ●
- *Introducing Teddy* by Jessica Walton ●
- *Large Fears* by Myles E. Johnson
- *From the Stars in the Sky to the Fish in the Sea* by Kai Cheng Thom ●

Picture Books: Non-fiction

- *Sylvia and Marsha Start a Revolution!: The Story of the Trans Women of Color Who Made LGBTQ+ History* by Joy Michael Ellison ●
- *The Gender Wheel* by Maya Christina Gonzalez
- *I Am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings ●
- *Be Amazing: A History of Pride* by Desmond Napoles and Dylan Glynn ●
- *Who Are You? A Kids' Guide to Gender Identity* by Brooke Pessin-Whedbee ●
- *This Day in June* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *When You Look Out the Window: How Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin Built a Community* by Gayle E. Pitman ●
- *Sewing the Rainbow: The Story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag* by Gayle E. Pitman and Holly Clifton-Brown ●
- *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* by Rob Sanders ●●
- *Stonewall: A Building, an Uprising* by Rob Sanders ●●
- *It Feels Good to Be Yourself: A Book About Gender Identity* by Theresa Thorn ●●

Middle Grade Graphic Novels

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

Middle Grade Fiction

- *The Ship We Built* by Lexi Bean ●
- *Alan Cole is Not a Coward* by Eric Bell ●
- *Hazel's Theory of Evolution* by Lisa Jenn Bigelow ●
- *A High Five for Glenn Burke* by Phil Bildner ● ●
- *The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James* by Ashley Herring Blake ●
- *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* by Ashley Herring Blake ●
- *Felix Yz* by Lisa Bunker ● ●
- *Zenobia July* by Lisa Bunker ●
- *King and the Dragonflies* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Hurricane Child* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Aru Shah and the End of Time* by Roshani Chokshi ● ●
- *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephardt ● ●
- *Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle ● ●
- *George* by Alex Gino ● ●
- *The Deepest Breath* by Meg Grehan ●
- *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lee ● ●
- *Too Bright to See* by Kyle Lukoff ●
- *Pepper's Rules for Secret Sleuthing* by Briana McDonald ●
- *How to Become a Planet* by Nicole Melleby ●
- *The Best at It* by Maulik Pancholy ●

- *The Best Man* by Richard Peck ● ●
- *Spin With Me* by Ami Polonsky ●
- *To Night Owl From Dogfish* by Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer ● ●
- *Magnus Chase* series by Rick Riordan ● ●
- *Trials of Apollo* series by Rick Riordan ● ●
- *The Moon Within* by Aida Salazar ●
- *Ana on the Edge* by A.J. Sass ●
- *Cattywampus* by Ash van Otterloo ●

Middle Grade Nonfiction

- *Gender Identity: Beyond Pronouns and Bathrooms* by Maria Cook ● ●
- *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets* by Gayle E. Pitman ● ●
- *Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights* by Jerome Pohlen ● ●
- *Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU* by Cory Silverberg ●
- *Pride Day: Celebrating Diversity & Community* by Robin Stevenson ●
- *Our Gay History in Fifty States* by Zaylore Stout

Young Adult Graphic Novels

- *Times I Knew I Was Gay* by Eleanor Cruise ●
- *Flamer* by Mike Curato ● ●
- *Heartstopper* by Alice Oseman ●
- *Bloom* by Kevin Panetta ●
- *Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With Me* by Mariko Tamaki ●
- *This One Summer* by Mariko & Jillian Tamaki ● ●
- *Honor Girl* by Maggie Thrash ● ●
- *Spinning* by Tillie Walden ●
- *On A Sunbeam* by Tillie Walden ● ●

Young Adult Fiction

- *Clap When You Land* by Elizabeth Acevedo ● ●
- *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* by Becky Albertalli ● ●
- *Leah on the Offbeat* by Becky Albertalli ● ●
- *What If It's Us* by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera ● ●
- *Felix Ever After* by Kacen Callender ● ●
- *Verona Comics* by Jennifer Dugan ● ●

- *We Are Lost and Found* by Helene Dunbar ●
- *Pet* by Akwaeke Emezi ● ●
- *You Should See Me In A Crown* by Leah Johnson ● ●
- *Will Grayson, Will Grayson* by John Green and David Levithan ● ●
- *Darius the Great Deserves Better* by Adib Khorram ● ●
- *Be Dazzled* by Ryan La Sala ●
- *I'll Be The One* by Lyla Lee ●
- *Elatsoe* by Darcie Little Badger ●
- *Like a Love Story* by Abdi Nazemian ●
- *I'll Give You the Sun* by Jandy Nelson ● ●
- *Juliet Takes A Breath* by Gabby Rivera ● ●
- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saenz ● ●
- *Cemetery Boys* by Aiden Thomas ● ●
- *Follow Your Arrow* by Jessica Verdi ●

Young Adult Nonfiction

- *Gay America: Struggle for Equality* by Linas Alsenas ●
- *Gender Identity: Beyond Pronouns and Bathrooms* by Maria Cook ● ●
- *The Gender Quest Workbook* by Deborah Coolhart and Rylan Jay Testa ● ●
- *LGBTQ+ Athletes Claim the Field: Striving for Equality* by Kirstin Cronn-Mills ●
- *Troublemaker for Justice: The Story of Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the March on Washington* by Jacqueline Houtman ●
- *Being Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* by Jazz Jennings ●
- *All Boys Aren't Blue: A Memoir Manifesto* by George M. Johnson ● ●
- *Beyond Magenta* by Susan Kuklin ● ●
- *Rainbow Revolutions: Power, Pride and Protest in the Fight for Queer Rights* by Jamie Lawson ●
- *The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets* by Gayle E. Pitman ● ●
- *Queer, There, and Everywhere* by Sarah Prage and Zoe More O'Ferrall ●
- *The 57 Bus* by Dashka Slater ● ●
- *Pride Day* by Robin Stevenson ●
- *No Way, They Were Gay? Hidden Lives and Secret Loves* by Lee Wind ●
- Titles from *The Pocket Change Collective* by various authors ●