

Ostertag, Molly. *The Witch Boy* (series).

When a boy goes missing during a night of shapeshifting, thirteen-year-old Astor risks going against family tradition by using his magic to help locate him.

Stevenson, Noelle. *Lumberjanes* (series).

Friendship to the max! Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together.

Tynion IV, James. *The Backstagers* (series).

After transferring to an all-boys school, Jory befriends the school's lowly stage crew, who are determined to put together the best show the school has ever seen while dealing with the magical underground world located beneath the school.

Non-Fiction

Hill, Mel Reiff and Jay Mays. *The Gender Book* (J 306.76 HIL). An illustrated resource that explores the diversity of the gender spectrum.

Klein, Rebecca T. *Transgender Rights and Protections* (J 306.768 KLE). An examination of the rights of the transgender community and a discussion of the areas in which further action is still needed for their protection.

Pohlen, Jerome. *Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights, with 21 Activities* (J 306.76 POH). A look at the history of LGBT rights through personal stories, firsthand accounts, a chronicle of events, organizations, and influential leaders.

Pitman, Gayle E. *Sewing the Rainbow Flag: The Story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag* (J BIO BAK). From Gilbert's childhood in a small town in Kansas where he didn't fit in, to his historic artistic career.

Silverberg, Cory. *Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU* (J 612.6 SIL). An essential resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality presented in comic book form.

Silverberg, Cory. *What Makes a Baby* (J 612.6 SIL). A picture book about conception, gestation and birth, and is inclusive of all kinds of kids, adults, and families - regardless of how many people were involved, their orientation, gender and other identity, or family composition.

Stevenson, Robin. *Pride: Celebrating Diversity and Community* (J 306.766 STE). There is a whole lot more to Pride than rainbow flags and amazing outfits. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it?



Main Library

834 Lake St.
708.383.8200

Monday-Thursday: 9 am to 9 pm

Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm

Dole Branch Library

255 Augusta St.
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Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Thursday: 10 am to 9 pm

Friday: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 1 pm to 6 pm

Maze Branch Library

845 Gunderson Ave.
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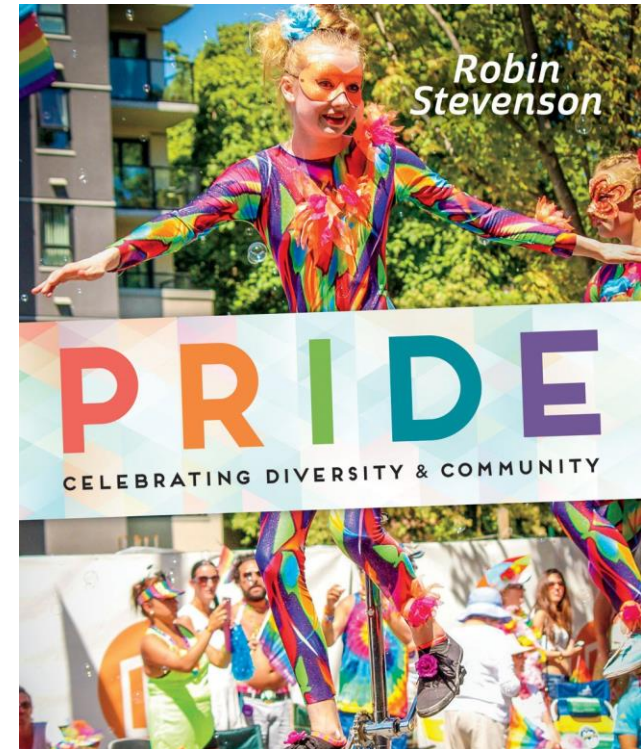
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LGBTQIA+ READS



FOR PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGED KIDS



Picture Books

Anderson, Airlie. *Neither*.

Neither is unlike both the rabbits and birds of their home. They set out to find a place where all creatures are welcome.

Austrian, J.J. *Worm Loves Worm*.

Two worms in love decide to get married. With help from their insect friends, they have everything they need and more.

Baldacchino, Christine. *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*. Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. But most of all, Morris loves wearing the tangerine dress in his classroom's dress-up center.

Blackstone, Stella & Sunny Scribens. *Baby's First Words*. (Board Books) Come spend the day with a busy baby and her two dads! Includes seek-and-find pictures.

Bone, Jeffrey and Lisa Bone. *Not Every Princess*. There's no one way to be a princess, fairy, pirate, or superhero. Imagination opens a world of endless possibilities.

Gourlay, Candy. *Is It a Mermaid?*

When Benjie and Bel find a strange creature on a tropical beach, it insists it is a mermaid. Could it really be?

Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon's Story*.

Red's label clearly says that he is red, but he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Herthel, Jessica and Jazz Jennings. *I am Jazz*.

Jazz has always known that she is a girl. She is proud of who she is and so much happier when her family supports her.

Hoffman, Sarah and Ian Hoffman. *Jacob's New Dress*. Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too.

Howe, James. *Big Bob, Little Bob*.

Big Bob likes trucks, balls and being loud. Little Bob likes dolls, bracelets and being quiet. Can they possibly be friends?

Ismail, Yasmeen. *I'm a Girl!*

When a rough and tumble little girl, who is sometimes mistaken for a boy, meets a boy who likes wearing princess dresses and playing with dolls, a wonderful friendship is born.

Lang, Suzanne and Max Lang. *Families, Families, Families!* Moms, dads, sisters and brothers appear in dozens of combinations, demonstrating all kinds of families!

Loney, Andrea J. *Bunnybear*.

Bunnybear feels more like a bunny than a bear, fluffy and tiny in his heart. All he wants is to be himself.

Love, Jessica. *Julián Is a Mermaid*.

While riding the subway with his abuela, Julián notices three women dressed up like mermaids. He creates his own fabulous mermaid costume, but what will Abuela think?

Newman, Lesléa. *Heather Has Two Mommies*.

At school, Heather and her classmates discover that all their families look different, but they all love one another.

Newman, Lesléa. *Sparkle Boy*.

Casey loves to play with his blocks, puzzles, and dump truck, but he also loves things that sparkle, shimmer, and glitter.

O'Leary, Sara. *A Family is a Family is a Family*.

When a teacher asks her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in the one way that matters most of all.

Percival, Tom. *Perfectly Norman*.

Norman is thrilled to discover he grew a pair of wings overnight, but his excitement turns to doubt when he realizes he is now different from everyone else.

Pessin-Whedbee, Brook. *Who Are You? The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity* (Topics to Talk About).

A straightforward introduction with clear and direct language for understanding and talking about how we experience gender: our bodies, our expression and our identity.

Pitman, Gayle E. *This Day in June*.

A wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, welcoming readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united.

Pitman, Gayle E. *A Church for All*.

Sunday at an inclusive church that embraces all, regardless of age, class, race, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

Schiffer, Miriam B. *Stella Brings the Family*.

Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

Stott, Ann. *Want to Play Trucks?*

Kids meet at the sandbox to play every morning. One likes trucks, the other dolls, but they can still play together.

Walton, Jessica. *Introducing Teddy: A Gentle Story About Gender and Friendship*. (Topics to Talk About) A story about being true to yourself and being a good friend, which introduces the youngest readers to understanding gender identity and transition.

Fiction

Blake, Ashley Herring. *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World*. Twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed in a tornado, and in the aftermath of the storm, she begins to develop feelings for another girl at school.

Callender, Kheryn. *Hurricane Child*.

Twelve-year-old Caroline falls in love with another girl, and together they set out to find Caroline's missing mother.

Clarke, Cat. *The Pants Project*.

Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his moms he's a boy.

Dee, Barbara. *Star-Crossed*.

Star student Mattie is chosen to play Romeo opposite her crush, a newcomer named Gemma, in an eighth-grade production of *Romeo and Juliet*, a situation that makes her question whether she can be attracted to both boys and girls.

Federle, Tim. *Better Nate than Ever* (series).

An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."

Gino, Alex. *George*.

Inspired by Charlotte the spider, a young transgender girl teams up with her best friend to reveal her truth during their class production of *Charlotte's Web*.

Polonsky, Ami. *Gracefully Grayson*.

Grayson finds new strength to embrace her true identity from an unexpected friendship and a supportive teacher.

Graphic Novels

Flores, Madeleine. *Help Us! Great Warrior*.

Great Warrior is a powerful but tiny fighter who protects her village, but also keeps a dark secret from her friends.

Larson, Hope. *Goldie Vance* (series).

When in-house detective Charlie comes up against a case he can't crack, he calls upon sixteen-year-old Goldie, who uses her skills, smarts, and connections to solve the case.

O'Neill, Katie. *The Tea Dragon Society*.

After discovering a lost Tea Dragon in the marketplace, apprentice blacksmith Greta learns about the dying art form of Tea Dragon caretaking from the kind tea shop owners.

O'Neill, Katie. *Princess Princess Ever After*.

When the heroic princess Amira rescues the kind-hearted princess Sadie from her tower prison, neither expects to find a true friend in the bargain.