

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Month Booklist JUNE 2012

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month is celebrated to commemorate the contributions of gays, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender people in the United States and around the world. On June 11, 1999, President William J. Clinton issued a presidential proclamation designating June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City the night of June 27, 1969. Themes are selected each year by various organizations including the Library of Congress. The theme chosen by Hampton Roads Pride for the 2012 Out in the Park event is “Celebrate Diversity.”

The last Sunday in June is celebrated as Gay Pride Day. In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the United States designated October as LGBT History Month. The 11th of October is recognized internationally as National Coming Out Day, an awareness day that originated in 1988 in the United States for coming out and discussions for and about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people.

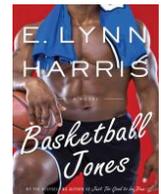
Following is a selection of books, films, websites and other resources for leisure and educational purposes about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. All books and films are available at the Norfolk Public Library, and the websites may be viewed online at any of the public computer stations located in the library. Databases will require your library card number if at home.

FICTION

The following list is selected fictional works by award winning authors, recent best sellers, and books that provide insight into Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered culture and the human condition through stories set in America and overseas.

Basketball Jones

(*E. Lynn Harris*) In this novel that continues to be a local favorite, Aldridge James Richardson’s comfortable life with his longtime lover, famed NBA star Dray Jones, is threatened by the need to hide their relationship to maintain Dray’s public image and by Dray’s marriage to Judy, a beautiful and ambitious woman.

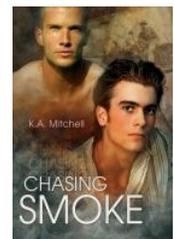


Bastard Out of Carolina

(*Dorothy Allison*) Ruth Anne “Bone” Boatwright, a young girl born out of wedlock, dreams of escaping her Greenville County, South Carolina, home, her notorious, hard-living family, and the unwanted attentions of her abusive stepfather, Daddy Glen. National Book Award finalist.

Chasing Smoke

(*K.A. Mitchell*) Daniel Gardner’s family took in Trey after his father was jailed for his mother’s murder. Fifteen years later Trey is still looking for the murderer. With new clues to the murder, Daniel and Trey's sexual chemistry is resurfacing.



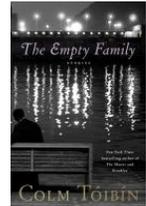
Dismantled: A Novel

(*Jennifer McMahon*) A decade after covering up a friend's death during a prank in the Vermont woods, Henry and Tess are tormented by the secret, the suicide of another member of their group, and a chain of events that threatens their life with their young daughter.



The Empty Family: Stories

(*Colm Tóibín*) The author of the novels *The South* and *The Blackwater Lightship* presents a new collection of nine contemporary tales of lives haunted by loss,. A 2012 Lambda Literary Award finalist.

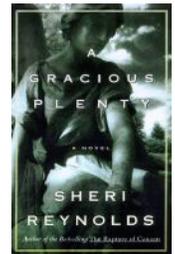


Giovanni's Room

(*James Baldwin*) Baldwin's 1956 novel, his second, was daring for its time, depicting a young man deep into Paris's second expatriate movement following World War II as he grapples with his sexual identity. He is drawn both to his fiancée and to a male Italian bartender with whom he begins an affair.

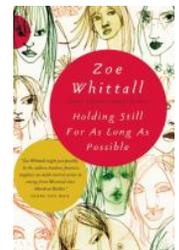
A Gracious Plenty

(*Sheri Reynolds*) Finch is a loner who works in the local cemetery and literally talks to the dead. She tries to help them find peace, but when the living discovers that one of the dead was secretly possibly gay, they turn against him. This is a lush novel from a local author and ODU professor.



Holding Still For As Long As Possible

(*Zoe Whittall*) In this robust, elegantly plotted, and ultimately life-affirming novel, Zoe Whittall presents a dazzling portrait of a generation we've rarely seen in literature the twenty-five-year olds who grew up on anti-anxiety meds, text-messaging each other truncated emotional reactions, unsure of what's public and what's private. 2011 Lambda Award Winner for Transgender Fiction.



A Home At the End of the World

(*Michael Cunningham*) This poignant and absorbing novel, parts of which have already appeared in the *New Yorker*, is one of a kind: at once a bildungsroman that reveals a remarkable gay sensibility, a serious appraisal of how parents and children relate over the years, and a clear-eyed account of '80s ways of looking and living.

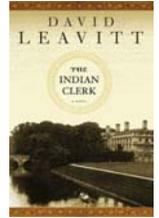
In One Person

(*John Irving*) A compelling novel of desire, secrecy, and sexual identity, *In One Person* is a story of unfulfilled love—tormented, funny, and affecting—and an impassioned embrace of our sexual differences. Billy, the bisexual narrator and main character, tells the tragicomic story (lasting more than half a century) of his life as a “sexual suspect,” a phrase first used by John Irving in 1978 in his landmark novel of “terminal cases,” *The World According to Garp*.



The Indian Clerk

(David Leavitt) “A loving exploration of one of the greatest collaborations of the past century, *The Indian Clerk* is a novel that brilliantly orchestrates questions of colonialism, sexual identity and the nature of bringing to life a world of mathematics and mysticism.

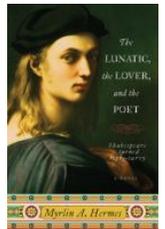


Leap Year: A Novel

(Peter Cameron) It is 1988, just two years away from “the decade of friendship,” and there is still time on the clock for all the greed and need of the 80s to wreak havoc on the lives of this ensemble cast of distressed but endearing New Yorkers. With razor sharp wit and great comic invention, *Leap Year* charts the uneasy paths people take around the physical and emotional land mines of city life. His most recent book is *Coral Glynn* (2012).

The Lunatic, the Lover, and the Poet: A Novel

(Myrlin A. Hermes) This 2011 Lambda Literary Award winner reimagines the story of Hamlet, wherein Lady Adriane tries to seduce the Prince of Denmark in order to test the idea of "platonic true-love" thought up by her patron, the philosopher-poet Horatio, until a rival poet calling himself “Will Shake-speare” begins to court both Prince Hamlet and his Dark Lady.



Landing

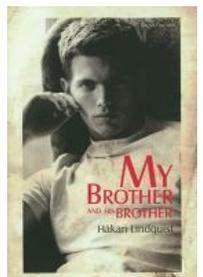
(Emma Donoghue) A delightful, old-fashioned love story with a uniquely 21st century twist, here is a romantic comedy that explores the pleasures and sorrows of long-distance relationships when Classy Irish flight attendant Síle and insular Canadian archivist Jude meet at Heathrow and find their orbits shifting.

The Mirror and the Mask

(Ellen Hart) Taking a seemingly easy job in her first case as a fledgling private investigator, Jane Lawless attempts to track down the missing father of client Annie Andrews, a successful effort with unanticipated consequences.

My Brother and His Brother: A Novel

(Håkan Lindquist) The story of two brothers is told by one of them, Jonas, an 18-year old boy. Throughout his teenage years he has been trying to get an image of Paul, the brother he never met, a brother who died mysteriously at the age of 16, the year before Jonas himself was born.



Queer Fish: An Eclectic Anthology of Gay Fiction

(edited by Margarita Bezdomnya and Rose Mambert) This story collection is packed with memorable couples just trying to make it work, whether “it” is as simple as distance or as complicated as figuring out how to date a headless ghost, an insidious incubus, an overworked superhero, or a big stupid Irish guy from South Boston.

Rubyfruit Jungle

(Rita Mae Brown) Bawdy and moving, the ultimate word-of-mouth bestseller, *Rubyfruit Jungle* is about growing up a lesbian in America--and living happily ever after.

Sing You Home: A Novel

(Jodi Picoult) A stillborn baby ends Max and Zoe's marriage. Max leaves Zoe and turns to drinking. Zoe falls in love with a female school counselor, Vanessa. Max finds help for his drinking problem through his brother's church. Vanessa and Zoe get married. Vanessa offers to carry one of Zoe and Max's fertilized embryos. Zoe goes to Max to get permission to release the embryos to her but Max's new found religious fervor leads him to sue Zoe for custody.

Something Like Summer

(Jay Bell) A love story spanning a decade and beyond as two young men discover what it means to be friends, lovers, and sometimes even enemies. A 2011 Lambda Literary Award finalist.



The Stranger's Child: A Novel

(Alan Hollinghurst) Embraced by the family of his Cambridge schoolmate, Cecil Valance writes an inspiring poem in an autograph album that becomes a staple of every English classroom after he is killed during World War I. This sensual humorous novel will gladden the hearts of Anglophile readers' By the Man Booker Prize-winning author of *The Line of Beauty*.

Trick of the Dark

(Val McDermid) Barred from practice, disgraced psychiatrist Charlie Flint receives a mysterious summons to Oxford from an old professor who wants her to look into the death of her daughter's husband. But as Charlie delves deeper into the case and steps back into the arcane world of Oxford colleges, she realizes that there is much more to this crime than meets the eye.



Union Atlantic

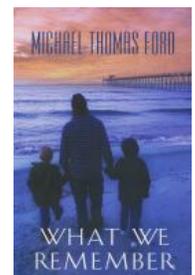
(Adam Haslett) A high school senior finds himself caught in the small town drama between his history tutor and the bank industry executive with whom he's having an affair. A 2011 Lambda Literary Award winner.

Virginia Lovers

(Michael Parker) When a gay teenager is murdered in small-town Trent, North Carolina, the local newspaper editor finds himself further involved in the crime when both his teenaged sons run away from home.

What We Remember

(Michael Thomas Ford) Award-winning author Ford returns with his most ambitious novel to date, in which a father's disappearance has a profound effect on his three children and causes secrets and lies to be exposed.

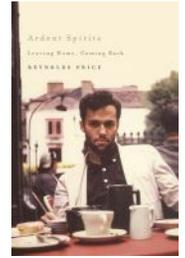


NONFICTION

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Ardent Spirits: Leaving Home, Coming Back

(Reynolds Price) Recounts the author's observations of post-World War II Great Britain, his Oxford University education, and his encounters with such figures as J.R.R. Tolkien, W.H. Auden, and Stephen Spender.

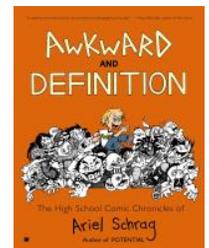


Ask and Tell: Gay and Lesbian Veterans Speak Out

(Steve Estes) Estes charts the evolution of policy toward homosexuals in the military over the past 65 years, uncovering the ways that silence about sexuality and military service has affected the identities of gay veterans.

Awkward and Definition

(Ariel Schrag) Inspired by the works of Alison Bechdel, Schrag chronicles her own early high school years and her gradual coming out in these graphic novels.



Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing all Families Under the Law

(Nancy D. Polikoff) The root problem, asserts law professor and LGBT rights activist Nancy Polikoff is that marriage is a bright dividing line between those relationships between those relationships that legally matter, and those that don't.

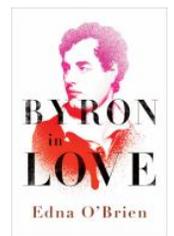


Brother/Sister Plays

(Tarell Alvin McCraney) The 2011 winner of the Lambda Award for LGBT Drama depicts the struggle between brothers who have taken different paths to finding their true selves.

Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians

(Candace Hollow Hodge) This thoughtful, practical guide shows readers a way through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christians and helps foster a "bulletproof" faith.

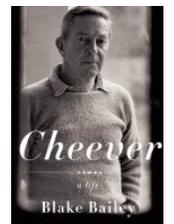


Byron in Love: A Short Daring Life

(Edna O'Brien) Places the literary master against a backdrop of dissipated Regency London and other regions he visited throughout his lifetime, chronicling his rise to fame in his mid-twenties while offering insight into his numerous scandal-marked relationships.

Cheever: A Life

(Blake Bailey) This engaging portrait of the life of John Cheever reveals a soul in conflict, describing his life as a high-school dropout, alcoholic, secret bisexual, and a man who concealed his deeply-rooted anxieties while becoming one of the most iconic literary figures of our time. ODU Professor Blake Bailey won the 2009 National Book Critics Circle Award, the Francis Parkman Prize, and was a finalist for the Pulitzer and the James Tait Black Memorial Prize for this book.



The Complete Guide to Gay & Lesbian Weddings

(Jo Webber and Matt Miles) For the same sex couple looking for ideas for making a very special commitment day.

Discipline

(Dawn Lundy Martin) This stunning second collection of prose poetry engages the “disciplines” associated with regimes of powers and sexuality. A 2012 Lambda Literary Award finalist for poetry, the work interrogates the social and linguistic space between regimes of power enacted on the body, and thereby the soul.

Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell it Like It Is

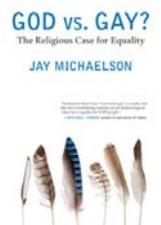
(Abigail Garner) This should quickly become a mainstay resource for many family service agencies and public libraries serving LGBT patrons.

Gay American Autobiography: Writings from Whitman to Sedaris *(edited by David Bergman)*

In the first anthology to survey the full range of gay autobiographical writing from Walt Whitman to the present, Gay American Autobiography draws excerpts from letters, journals, oral histories, memoirs, and autobiographies to provide examples of the best life writing over the last century and a half.

God vs. Gay?: The Religious Case for Equality

(Jay Michaelson) Michaelson argues that not only does the Bible not prohibit same-sex intimacy, but the vast majority of its teachings support the full equality and dignity of gay and lesbian people. A 2012 Lambda Literary Award finalist.



Hearts & Minds: Talking to Christians about Homosexuality

(Darren John Main) Offering factual and inspirational talking points, members of the lesbian and gay community and their families, friends, and supporters engage in meaningful, heartfelt discussions with conservative Christians.

Homosexuals in History: A Study of Ambivalence in Society, Literature, and the Arts

(A. L. Rowse) Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Tchaikovsky, Oscar Wilde, Ernst Rohm, Noël Coward--these men shared a sexual orientation that defied their eras' ideas of biology, and often ran counter to mainstream society. Rowse examines the lives of these homosexual men of genius and their times.

How I Learned to Snap: A Southern Coming-out and Coming-of-age Story

(Kirk Read) The former Norfolk resident tells his own coming out journey and how he left the tight-knit community of Lexington in the Shenandoah Valley and passed through the rough terrain of the Bible Belt to undertake a career as a young, queer journalist.

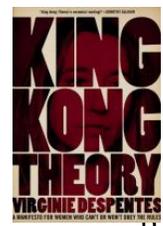
Just Kids

(Patti Smith) In this memoir, singer-songwriter Patti Smith shares tales of New York City: the denizens of Max's Kansas City, the Hotel Chelsea, Scribner's, Brentano's and Strand bookstores and her new life in Brooklyn with a young man named Robert Mapplethorpe--the man who changed her life with his love, friendship, and genius.



King Kong Theory

(Virginie Despentes) This 2011 Lambda Literary Award nominee collects various potent feminist essays from the bisexual French provocateur as she explores the lives of women today.

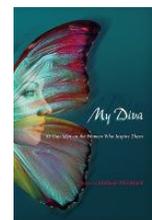


Mean Little Deaf Queer: A Memoir

(*Terry Galloway*) When Galloway was born, no one knew that an experimental antibiotic given to her mother had wreaked havoc on the fetus's nervous system. With disarming candor, the author writes about her breakdowns, her queer identity, and living in a silent world populated by unforgettable characters.

My Diva: 65 Gay Men on the Women Who Inspire Them

(*Michael Montlack, ed.*) Short, personal and touching essays by gay men in tribute to the women that have been their inspiration.



Open Wide the Freedom Gates: A Memoir (Dorothy Height)

Born in Richmond, Va. in 1912 and raised in the steel and mining country outside Pittsburgh, Height imbibed determination early along with the uplifting, public-service spirit of the colored women's club movement, she explains here in telling her 90-plus-year story of personal, political, gender, and racial struggle to keep the faith and fight for right. She was key figure in the struggles for school desegregation, voting rights, employment opportunities and public accommodations in the 1950s and 1960s and served as chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women until her recent death.

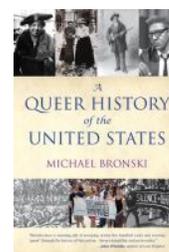
Out Plays: Landmark Gay and Lesbian Plays of the Twentieth Century

(*Ben Hodges, ed.*) These dramatic selections share themes of oppression countered by love, fear, anger, and humor--not only gay or lesbian, but universally human.



A Queer History of the United States

(*Michael Bronski*) Winner of a 2012 Stonewall Book Award in nonfiction, this is the first book to cover the entirety of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, from pre-1492 to the present – yes, even from Plymouth to the modern era.

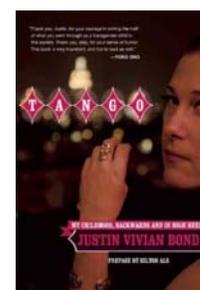


Sex Variant Woman: The Life of Jeannette Howard Foster

(*Joanne Passet*) Foster, who once worked for sex scientist Alfred Kinsey, was a librarian with a Ph.D., and wrote the controversial *Sex Variant Women in Literature*.

Tango: My Childhood, Backwards and in High Heels

(*Justin Vivian Bond*) Bond raises issues about LGBTQ adolescence, homophobia, bullying, parenting trans/queer children, and sexuality, while being utterly entertaining.



To Believe in Women: What Lesbians Have Done for America – A History

(*Lillian Faderman*) From the author of the acclaimed *Odd Girls* and *Twilight Lovers*, a landmark work of lesbian history that both “sets the record straight (or unstraight)” for all Americans and “provides a usable past” for lesbians.

Transparent: Love, Family, and Living the T with Transgender Teenagers

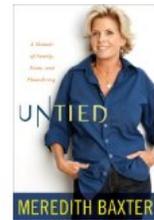
(*Cris Beam*) A Los Angeles transgender school volunteer traces her work with four students whose otherwise typical teen experiences were uniquely shaped by their circumstances, in an account that describes their efforts to resolve identity challenges.

Unbearable Lightness: A Story of Loss and Gain

(*Portia de Rossi*) The actress recounts the years she spent secretly suffering from anorexia and bulimia and trying to hide her sexuality, all under the glare of Hollywood's bright lights.

Untied: A Memoir of Family, Fame, and Floundering

(*Meredith Baxter*) The actress best known for her role on the hit 1980s show "Family Ties" discusses the ups and downs of her life and career, including her childhood in Hollywood, her tumultuous personal life, her success as an actress, and her struggles with alcohol.



When Gay People Get Married: What Happens When Societies Legalize Same Sex Marriage

(*M. V. Lee Badgett*) Amid the intense controversy still surrounding same-sex marriage in the U.S., Badgett speaks in a tempered voice.

Y: The Last Man (graphic novel series)

(*Brian K. Vaughan & Pia Guerra*) When a mysterious plague kills every male on the planet, the lone surviving man joins forces with a government agent and a lesbian scientist to find out what happened and to figure out the planet's future.

YA FICTION and NONFICTION

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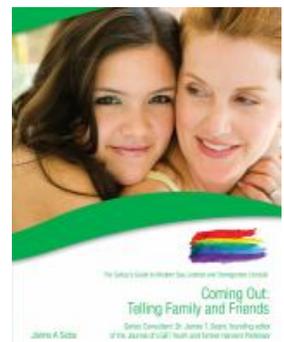
Boy Minus Girl

(*Richard Uhlig*) When his charming but irresponsible uncle comes to visit his small Kansas hometown, fourteen-year-old Les Eckhardt hopes to get tips from him about succeeding with girls, but he learns much more important lessons from his stodgy, predictable parents and friendships with a lesbian classmate and one of Uncle Ray's former girlfriends.



Coming Out: Telling Family and Friends

(*Jaime A. Seba*) Discusses the issues faced by gays when coming out to friends and family and draws on the personal experiences of others to offer advice and support for everyone involved in the process.



Far from Xanadu

(*Julie Ann Peters*) In a small Kansas town, sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.

Hero

(*Perry Moore*) Thom Creed, the gay son of a disowned superhero, finds that he, too, has special powers and is asked to join the very League that rejected his father, and it is there that Thom finds other misfits whom he can finally trust.



How Beautiful the Ordinary: Twelve Stories of Identity

(*edited by Michael Cart*) In nontraditional narratives, short stories, and brief graphics, tales of anticipation and regret, eagerness and confusion present distinctively modern views of love, sexuality, and gender identification.

I am J

(*Cris Beam*) J had always felt different. He was certain that eventually everyone would understand who he really was: a boy mistakenly born as a girl. Yet as he grew up, his body began to betray him; eventually J stopped praying to wake up a "real boy" and started covering up his body, keeping himself invisible. But after being deserted by the best friend he thought would always be by his side, J decides that he's done hiding -- it's time to be who he really is and to love his true self. A 2012 Lambda Literary Award finalist for Children's/Young Adult.

It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living

(*edited by Dan Savage and Terry Miller*)

A collection of essays and testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people, stresses to gay and lesbian youth that they can lead fulfilling lives free of bullying, and that their adult years will get better.



The Last Exit to Normal

(*Michael B. Harmon*) Yanked out of his city life and plunked down into a small Montana town with his father and his father's boyfriend, seventeen-year-old Ben, angry and resentful about the changed circumstances of his life, begins to notice that something is not quite right with the little boy next door and determines to do something about it.

Nothing Pink

(*Mark Hardy*) Vincent Harris, the teenaged son of a Baptist minister, has always known he is gay and uses his faith to avoid any sinful thoughts or acts, but when his family moves to a new church in the late 1970s he meets Robert Ingle, falls in love, and begins to wonder if God is really asking him to repent and change.

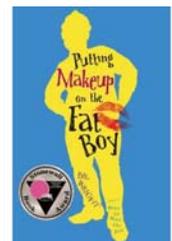


Pedro & Me: Friendship, Loss, & What I Learned

(*Judd Winick*) When the HIV-positive AIDS educator, Pedro Zamora, appeared on MTV's "The Real World: San Francisco," he taught millions of viewers about being gay and living with AIDS. Pedro's roommate on the show was Judd Winick, who created *Pedro and Me* to honor Pedro. First published in 2000, *Pedro and Me* was a graphic novel pioneer.

Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy

(*Bil Wright*) Sixteen-year-old Carlos Duarte is on the verge of realizing his dream of becoming a famous make-up artist, but first he must face his jealous boss at a Macy's cosmetics counter, his sister's abusive boyfriend, and his crush on a punk-rocker classmate. A 2012 Lambda Literary Award finalist for Children's/Young Adult.



Sprout, or, My Salad Days, When I was Green in Judgment

(*Dale Peck*) Sprout Bradford has a secret, but it's not what everyone thinks. He'll admit he's gay, and he'll reveal when he last dyed his hair green. However, Sprout finds he's had a more profound effect on the lives around him that he ever thought possible.



A Secret Edge

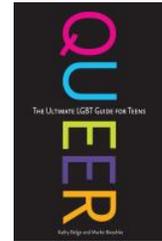
(*Robin Reardon*) Sixteen-year-old Jason Peele, hiding the fact that he is gay from his friends and family, finds himself attracted to the new guy on the track team, which forever changes his life--and makes his senior year one to remember.

Two Parties, one Tux, and a Very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath

(*Steven Goldman*) Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.

Queer: The Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens

(*Kathy Belge and Marke Bieschke*) A guide that helps LGBT teens come out to friends and family, navigate their new LGBT social life, figure out if a crush is also queer, and rise up against bigotry and homophobia.

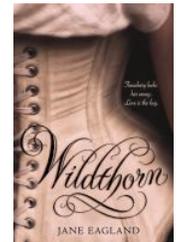


The Vast Fields of Ordinary

(*Nick Burd*) From a raw and stunning new voice in gay teen literature comes a debut novel. During his last summer at home, Dade meets the mysterious Alex Kincaid and falls in love. But just when true happiness sets in, tragedy shatters the dreamy curtain of summer.

Wildthorn

(*Jane Eagland*) In this unusual 19th century romance, first published in the U.K., 17-year-old Louisa is forced into an insane asylum for women. 2011 Lambda Award winner for LGBT Children's/Young Adult



Will Grayson, Will Grayson

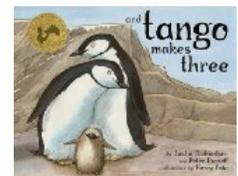
(*John Green & David Levithan*) One cold night, in a most unlikely corner of Chicago, two strangers cross paths. Two teens with the same name, running in two very different circles, suddenly find their lives going in new and unexpected directions, culminating in heroic turns-of-heart and the most epic musical ever to grace the high school stage. Told in alternating voices from two Young Adult superstar authors.

JUVENILE FICTION and NON-FICTION

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And Tango Makes Three

(*Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, ill. by Henry Cole*) At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.



Antonio's Card

(*Rigoberto Gonzalez*) With Mother's Day coming, Antonio finds he has to decide about what is important to him when his classmates make fun of the unusual appearance of his mother's partner, Leslie.



Daddy's Roommate

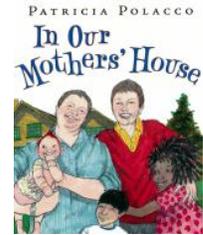
(*Michael Willhoite*) A young boy discusses his divorced father's new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living.

Heather Has Two Mommies

(*Leslea Newman*) When Heather goes to playgroup, at first she feels bad because she has two mothers and no father, but then she learns that there are lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

In Our Mothers' House

(*Patricia Palacco*) Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers.



King and King

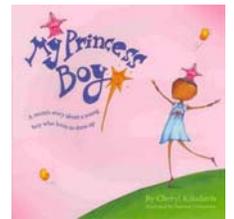
(*Linda de Haan*) When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

Molly's Family

(*Nancy Garden*) While preparing decorations for Open School Night, Molly and several of her classmates draw pictures of their families and discover that family means something different to each of them.

My Princess Boy: A Mom's Story About a Young Boy Who Loves to Dress Up

(*Cheryl Kilodavis; ill by Suzanne DeSimone*) Four-year-old Dyson loves pink, sparkly things. Sometimes he wears dresses. Sometimes he wears jeans. He likes to wear his princess tiara, even when climbing trees. A nonfiction picture book about acceptance that gives children and adults a tool to talk about unconditional friendship

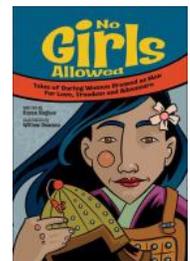


Uncle Bobby's Wedding

(*Sarah S. Brannen*) Chloe is jealous and sad when her favorite Uncle announces that he will be getting married, but as she gets to know Jamie better and becomes involved in planning the wedding, she discovers that she will always be special to Uncle Bobby—and to Uncle Jamie, too.

No Girls Allowed: Tales of Daring Women Dressed as Men for Love, Freedom and Adventure

(*Susan Hughes*) A female pharaoh? A woman general in the Kahns army? A female Viking raider? No way, you say? Look again. Appearances can be deceiving.



DVD: FEATURE FILMS

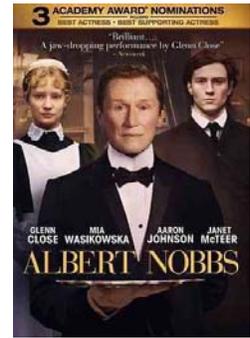
The following selected films provide insight into Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered history, social issues, and culture in America and throughout the world with drama and humor.

The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (1994) (Rated R)

Two drag-queens and a transsexual contract to perform a drag show at a resort in Alice Springs, a resort town in the remote Australian desert. They head west from Sydney aboard their lavender bus, Priscilla. En route, it is discovered that the woman they've contracted with is Anthony's wife. Their bus breaks down, and is repaired by Bob, who travels on with them.

Albert Nobbs

Glenn Close (Albert Nobbs) gives an Academy Award-nominated performance as a woman who passes as a man in order to work as a waiter in a posh hotel and survive in 19th century Ireland. Some thirty years after donning men's clothing, she finds herself trapped in a prison of her own making. adapted from the short story by Irish author George Moore



Boys Don't Cry (1999) (Rated R)

Based on actual events, Brandon Teena is the popular new guy in a tiny Nebraska town. He hangs out with the guys and he charms the young women, who've never met a more sensitive and considerate young man. Life is good for Brandon, now that he's one of the guys and dating hometown beauty Lana. However, he's forgotten to mention one important detail. It's not that he's wanted in another town for grand theft auto and other assorted crimes, but that Brandon Teena was actually born a woman named Teena Brandon. When his best friends make this discovery, Brandon's life is ripped apart.

Brother to Brother (2005) (Not rated)

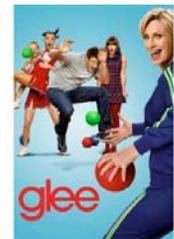
In this critically acclaimed drama a young black gay artist finds inspiration when he learns about the personal lives of some members of the Harlem Renaissance.

Chasing Amy (1997) (Rated R)

Holden and Banky are best friends and authors of a popular comic book called *Bluntman and Chronic*. Holden falls in love with Alyssa, also a comic book artist, who happens to be a lesbian. Holden's new relationship with Alyssa strains his life-long friendship with Banky, and soon the relationship between Holden and Alyssa hits a wall due to Holden not being able to deal with her past.

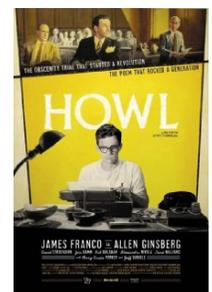
Glee (2009-) (Not rated)

A talented group of high school misfits transforms into a performing sensation with the help of a dedicated teacher. Through laughter, tears, irreverent humor, and unforgettable music, they learn to follow their hearts and chase their dreams. This TV production was the recipient of the GLAAD Media Award for Outstanding Comedy Series.



Howl (2010) (Rated R)

Allen Ginsberg recounts the road trips, love affairs, and search for personal liberation that led to the most timeless, electrifying, and controversial work of his career. Pushing the limits and challenging the mainstream, the passionate and provocative *Howl* and its publisher find themselves on trial in for obscenity, with prosecutor Ralph McIntosh setting out to have the 1956 book banned, while defense attorney Jake Ehrlich fervently argues for freedom of speech and creative expression.



Latter Days (2004) (Rated R)

The handsome Aaron, a Mormon missionary, travels door-to-door in Los Angeles spreading the word of his religion. Christian, a cute West Hollywood party boy, goes from man-to-man without much commitment. Opposites soon attract when Aaron and Christian meet, and sparks begin to fly.

Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil (1997) (Rated R)

This panoramic tale of Savannah's eccentricities focuses on a murder and the subsequent trial of Jim Williams: self made man, art collector, antiques dealer, bon vivant and semi-closeted homosexual.

Milk (2008) (Rated R)

Upon moving to San Francisco from New York City in 1972, forty year old Harvey Milk gains focus in his life as a gay activist in the city's Castro district. Gay rights activism turns to political activism as Milk decides he can be a more effective voice for the gay community as a politician, elected or not. Milk becomes the first openly gay man in the United States to be elected to political office when he wins a San Francisco supervisor seat in 1977.



Shelter (2008) (Rated R)

Forced to give up his dreams of art school, Zach works dead-end jobs to support his sister and her son. Not certain about his life, he paints, surfs and hangs out with his best friend, Gabe. When Gabe's older brother returns home for the summer, Zach suddenly finds himself drawn into a relationship he did not expect. Struggling to reconcile his own desires with those of his family and friends, he is finally forced to be true to himself. He discovers that with the power of love he can have a future with promise.

A Single Man (2010) (Rated R)

After the death of his longtime partner, a British college professor in Los Angeles struggles to find meaning in his life. As he dwells in the past, he begins to contemplate suicide. A series of events and encounters will lead him to question if there really is a meaning to his life after all. A romantic tale of love interrupts the isolation that is an inherent part of the human condition and ultimately the importance of the seemingly smaller moments in life. Nominated for a Best Actor Academy Award.



DVD: DOCUMENTARY

The following selected films provide insight into Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered history, social issues, and culture in America through documentary video.

The Brandon Teena Story

Documentary about Brandon Teena (aka Teena Brandon), a transgendered person, who was murdered along with two others in 1993 in rural Nebraska. The story is told through interviews with people who knew Brandon, recorded interrogation and trial transcripts, and photographs and file film footage.

Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin

Examines the life of Bayard Rustin, one of the first "freedom riders," an adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and A. Philip Randolph, and an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. However, Rustin was forced to play a background role in landmark civil rights events because of his homosexuality.

Chris & Don: A Love Story

The true-life story of the passionate three-decade relationship between Christopher Isherwood (whose Berlin Stories was the basis for the beloved Cabaret) and American portrait painter Don Bachardy, thirty years his junior. Their against-all-odds saga is brought to life through rare home movies, animation, dramatizations, and reminiscences from Don and many friends.



Outrage

Reveals politicians who lobby for anti-gay legislation while leading secret lives, the double standards the media sets for these politicians, and the harm inflicted. Includes analysis from Congressman Barney Frank, former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevey, activist Larry Kramer, and others.



Pedro: The True Story of Pedro Zamora

Celebrate the extraordinary life of Pedro Zamora, a young man who, when he found out he was HIV positive at 17, made the courageous decision to dedicate the rest of his life to speaking out about his condition in an attempt to raise awareness about the disease in his community including by appearing on MTV's "The Real World: San Francisco."



The Times of Harvey Milk

An Academy Award-winning documentary of the successful career and assassination of San Francisco's first elected gay councilor.

Valentino: the Last Emperor

A look at the life of legendary fashion designer Valentino.

WEBSITES

The following websites will provide information on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered history, social issues, and culture in Norfolk, America and throughout the world, providing insight from recent issues to ancient history.

The Advocate: www.advocate.com

A website and print magazine for Gay and Lesbian advocacy.

HIVPlus Magazine: www.HIVPlusMag.com

A magazine website offering stories on AIDS research, economics, and treatment.

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation: www.GLAAD.org

Anti-defamation organization that encourages positive portrayals of people in the GLBT community.

Gay and Lesbian News: www.topix.net/news/gay

Aggregate of news from international online sources.

Gay, Lesbian, Transgender TV on demand: HereTV.com

Variety of groundbreaking and acclaimed original movies and series appealing to the broad-based, diverse LGBT audience.

GLSEN (The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network): www.glsen.org

A benefactor of the It Gets Better Project, GLSEN is a national education organization working to ensure safe schools for all students, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity.

Hampton Roads Pride: www.hamptonroadspride.net

Provides links to Hampton Roads area community centers, support and services organizations, social groups, political advocacy groups, religious and spiritual communities, recreation, college and university groups, and the local Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) organization. Hampton Roads Pride also sponsors local events including Out in the Park, August 18, 2012 at Norfolk's Town Point Park.

International Lesbian and Gay Association: <http://www.ilga.org>

International organization of national groups that work for human and civil rights of GLBT people.

It Gets Better Project: <http://www.itgetsbetter.org>

Developed from a YouTube video, The It Gets Better Project was created to show young LGBT people the levels of happiness, potential, and positivity their lives will reach – if they can just get through their teen years. A companion book has been published.

The LGBT Center of Hampton Roads <http://accessaids.org/>

Opened in 2011, the LGBT Center provides a safe space, services, resources, education and support to the LGBT community in Hampton Roads. It is connected to Access AIDS Care in Norfolk.

Library of Congress <http://www.loc.gov/lgbt/>

The Library's numerous collections contain many books, posters, sound recordings, manuscripts and other material produced by, about and for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community. The website includes stories, profiles, and online resources.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: thetaskforce.org/

Works to build the grassroots political power of the LGBT community to win complete equality.

Out and Equal: www.outandequal.org

A non-profit organization dedicated to achieving workplace equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender employees and professionals.

Out of the Past: www.pbs.org/outofthepast/home.html

A companion website to the PBS documentary providing resources about 400 years of gay and lesbian history in the US.

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays): <http://community.pflag.org>

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) is a national non-profit organization. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, their families and friends through: support, to cope with an adverse society; education, to enlighten an ill-informed public; and advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights.

Stonewall: www.stonewall-library.org/

Library dedicated to gay and lesbian history and archives.

Lambda Literary: www.lambdaliterary.org

A leader in LGBT book reviews, author interviews, opinion and news since 1989.

DATABASES

Use your Norfolk Public Library card number for access to these resources found on our database page www.npl.lib.va.us/reference/reference.html

Biography Resource Center

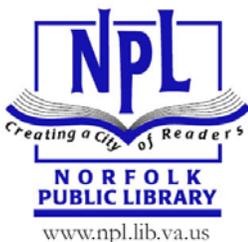
Includes full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals. Search for people based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death year, nationality, ethnicity, occupation or gender, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search.

General Onefile

A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology, and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles, many with images. Updated daily.

Health & Wellness Resource Center

Includes magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories, and information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug abuse, Prescription Drugs, Herbal remedies, and alternative or complementary treatments. Material is intended for informational purposes only.



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