Serving GLBT Families: Where Access, Equality, Diversity, and Intellectual Freedom Collide

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**MUST HAVE PROFESSIONAL BOOK:**

**WHAT I’M READING NOW:** Fiction: *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz  Non Fiction: *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin and *Raising my Rainbow, Adventures in Raising a Fabulous, Gender Creative Son* by Lori Duron

**FROM OUR ASSOCIATIONS:**


The Rainbow Project; promotes GLBTQ fiction and nonfiction books for young readers from birth through age 18. [http://glbtrt.al.../rainbowbooks/](http://glbtrt.al.../rainbowbooks/)

Outreach Resources for Services to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender People [an overview of ALA policies, services, access issues] [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity/outreachtounderservedpopulations/servicesgay](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/diversity/outreachtounderservedpopulations/servicesgay), 2013.

Out in the Library: Materials, Displays and Services for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community [policies, bibliographies, and resources for librarians] [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/iftoolkits/glbttoolkit/glbttoolkit](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/iftoolkits/glbttoolkit/glbttoolkit)

YALSA’s new Teens @ the Library books address answering teens’ tough questions, advocacy; evaluation, [http://www.ala.org/news/yalsa’s-new-teens-library-books-address-answering-teens’-tough-questions-advocacy-evaluation](http://www.ala.org/news/yalsa’s-new-teens-library-books-address-answering-teens’-tough-questions-advocacy-evaluation), 6/1/5/2012

**RESOURCE MATERIALS:**
The Williams Institute: dedicated to conducting rigorous, independent research on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy, http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/mission/

Eames, Alicia; Protecting our LGBTQ Youth; *Curriculum Connections*--*School Library Journal*, June 5, 2012 http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/894523-312/protection_our_lgbtq_youth_.html.csp


Cianciotto, Jason and Sean Cahill, *LGBT Youth in America's Schools*, University of Michigan, 2012.


It Get’s Better Project http://www.itgetsbetter.org

I’m here. I’m queer. What the hell do I read? http://www.leewind.org

QueerYa; Fiction for LGBTQ Teens. A review of fiction of interest to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, and questioning teenagers.


**BY THE NUMBEERS:**

Gates, Gary J, Frank Newport


GLSEN School Climate In Texas 2011
http://glsen.org/sites/default/files/Texas%20NSCS%20Snapshot%202011_0.pdf

Population of Texas Cities: Ranked by Population Size

Oregon City Population by Rank

DISHEARTENING DATA:
Malinda Lo, I have numbers! Stats on LGBT Young Adult Books Published in the U.S. – Updated 9/15/11http://www.malindalo.com/2011/09/i-have-numbers-stats-on-lgbt-young-adult-books-published-in-the-u-s/


Same Sex Marriage:
As of 3/7/2014 same-sex marriage is legally recognized in seventeen states as well as the District of Columbia. Eight Native American tribal jurisdictions issue marriage licenses for same-sex couples. Oregon and Kentucky recognize same-sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions. Limited recognition has been granted to out-of-state same-sex marriages in Ohio, Missouri, and Colorado. Same-sex marriages performed in Utah while they were legal are recognized for 2013 tax purposes only. U.S. district courts in Utah, Oklahoma, Virginia, and Texas have declared state constitutional amendments banning same-sex marriage to be unconstitutional; appeals are pending in each case.

Texas ban on same-sex marriage nullified
http://www.scotusblog.com/2014/02/texas-ban-on-same-sex-marriage-nullified/

INTERESTING ARTICLES FROM THE NEWS
What’s So Bad About a Boy Who Wants to Wear a Dress?
By Ruth Padawer, published: August 8, 2012
Read some of the 834+ comments

Male Couples Face Pressure to Fill Cradles
Published: August 9, 2012
POLITICS AND POLITICIANS:

Transcript: President Obama 2013 inaugural address  President Obama: We, the people, declare today that the most evident of truths – that all of us are created equal – is the star that guides us still; just as it guided our forebears through Seneca Falls, and Selma, and Stonewall; It is now our generation’s task to carry on what those pioneers began. Our journey is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law – for if we are truly created equal, then surely the love we commit to one another must be equal as well.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/wonkblog/wp/2013/01/21/transcript-president-obama-2013-inaugural-address/ Posted by Ezra Klein on January 21, 2013 at 12:08 pm

Mark Kirk becomes second GOP senator to back gay marriage

Gay Marriage Debate To Continue After Supreme Court Ruling By DAVID CRARY 03/28/13 03:00 AM ET EDT

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/03/28/gay-marriage-debate_n_2970336.html

List of the first LGBT holders of political offices in the United States
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_first_LGBT_holders_of_political_offices_in_the_United_States:

As of 2012:
• all 50 states have been served by openly LGBT elected politicians in some capacity;[1]
• at least 41 states have elected openly LGBT politicians to one or both houses of their state legislature;
• only one state governor has ever come out as gay;
• no openly LGBT governor or United States president has ever been elected to office.
• no openly LGBT person has been named or served as a federal Cabinet member[2]

Texas:
Rep. Glen Maxey (male) (D) – elected 1991

Houston, Mayor: Annise Parker, elected 2009
Austin, Councilmember: Randi Shade
Dallas, Councilmember: Craig McDaniel[20]
Fort Worth, Councilmember: Joel Burns
Houston, Councilmember: Annise Parker (female), elected 1997
Councilmember: Mike Laster (male), elected 2011
Councilmember: Sue Lovell (female), elected 2011