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Learn with Us: LGBTQ+



Teaching Guide for Kids:

- History
- Historical Figures/Heroes
- Book Recommendations
- Film/TV Series Recommendations



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A letter from **diversi**TINY

Dear Caregiver or Educator,

Welcome to diversiTINY - where big change starts with the small! We created this website brand for readers to teach their kids about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

diversiTINY was created and rebranded by two Digital Media and Design students from the University of Connecticut. It started as an unfinished site which was originally called Creation Station. We, the team, wanted to make this site to provide positive resources for elementary students to learn about DEI. There are several topics included, such as LGBTQ+, Black History Month, Women's History Month and more!

The main topic of this guide: **LGBTQ+**.

This guide features its history, such as how it started, important heroes, book/film recommendations, as well other resources.

We hope you and your diversiTINY friend enjoy this guide.

Sincerely,

The diversiTINY Team!



Let's grow BIG!

Many kids need to understand on why do they see rainbows everywhere in June or why they see a couple of the same gender. It's important for caregivers & educators to teach their kids about the LGBTQ+ community.

What is LGBTQ+??

LGBTQ+ is an acronym for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people.



What do they stand for?

- **Agender:** Refers to an individual who does not identify with/or experience any gender
- **Asexual:** Refers to an individual who does not experience sexual attraction
- **BIPOC:** Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- **Bisexual:** A person whose attraction is toward people of the same and other genders
- **Demisexual:** Used to describe an individual who experiences romantic attraction only after forming an emotional connection
- **Gay:** Sexual orientation of those who love people the same gender
- **Heterosexual:** A person who is attracted to a person of a different gender, aka "straight"
- **Homosexual:** Outdated term used to describe someone who experiences the same-sex attraction
- **Lesbian:** A woman who is attracted to people of the same gender
- **Nonbinary:** A gender identity that embraces the full spectrum of expressions
- **Pansexual:** People who love or are attracted to people of any gender
- **Queer:** Reclaimed term to be inclusive of the LGBTQ+ people
- **Questioning:** Those who are in the process of discovery and exploration about their sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, etc...
- **Transgender:** People who identify as a different gender than assigned at birth

What is Pride Month?

Pride Month is the celebration of the LGBTQ+ community, which takes place in June. The word "Pride" was an acronym that stood for Personal Rights in Defense and Education, an organization in California that fought for equality for the LGBTQ+ community. Now, there's a different meaning of Pride, for being proud & brave for you who are.

It originally happened during the Stonewall Riots on June 28th, 1969. On this day, the police stormed into the Stonewall Inn, which was a gay bar in New York. The community was sick of being treated wrong and took a stand and fought back. Some people got arrested, but this has become a turning point of the LGBTQ+ rights movement.



Photo by Fred W. McDarrah/Getty Images, courtesy of Pavel Zoubok Gallery, New York

LGBTQ+ Flag

The LGBTQ+ flag is rainbow colors.

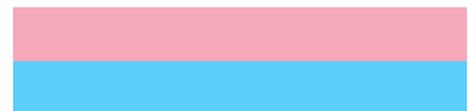
The **Original Rainbow Flag** was designed by activist and artist, Gilbert Baker in 1978.

The **Transgender Pride Flag** was designed by transgender activist and veteran, Monica Brown in 1999.

The **Progress Pride Flag** was designed by Daniel Quasar in 2018. He combined both renderings into one flag.

Each color of the flag holds a different meaning:

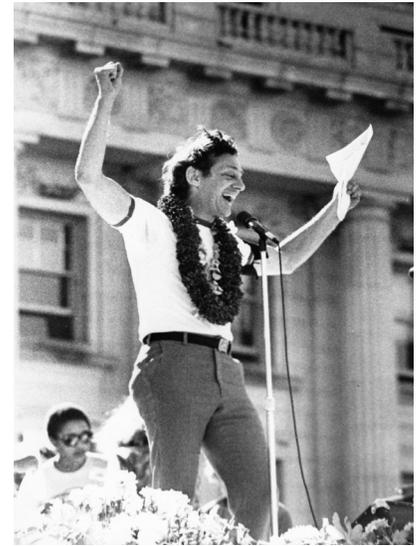
- **Red** is for life
- **Orange** is for healing
- **Yellow** is for sunlight
- **Green** is for nature
- **Blue** is for serenity
- **Purple** is for spirit
- **Black** and **Brown** are for inclusive of people of color
- **Light blue**, **pink**, and **white** stands for the transgender community
 - **light blue** represents boys
 - **pink** represents girls
 - **white** represents those who are transitioning, have a neutral gender, no gender, or intersex



Historical Figures/Heroes

Harvey Milk

- Born on May 22, 1930 in Woodmere, NY
- American politician and civil rights activist
- One of the first openly gay elected officials in the US
- Worked so hard to protect gay rights and others who were disadvantaged
- Opposed and helped defeat the bill on firing gay teachers in California's public schools



Marsha P Johnson

- Born on August 24, 1945 in Elizabeth, NJ
- American drag queen and activist for social justice for the gay and transgender communities
- When she was a child, Malcolm used to love wearing girl clothes, but stopped after being teased by peers
- Growing up, she moved to NYC and changed her name to Marsha P. Johnson. The "P" stands for "pay it for no mind"
- Served as a drag mother by helping the homeless and struggling LGBTQ+ youth
- Following the Stonewall riot, she and her friend co-founded STAR (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries), an organization that provided services, such as shelter homeless of the LGBTQ+ community in many states



Gilbert Baker

- Born on June 2, 1951 in Chanute, KS
- American artist and activist
- Known as the creator of the Original Rainbow Flag
- When he was in the US Army, he encountered homophobia during his training. After finishing, he decided to use his artistic skills for his political views, such as designing banners for gay rights.
- In 2016, he was invited to the White House for Pride Month. He presented Barack Obama the Rainbow Flag.



Jazzy Jennings

- Born on October 6, 2000 in South Florida
- American Youtuber, spokesmodel, and LGBTQ rights activist
- One of the youngest people to be identified as transgender
- Co-founder of the TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation in 2007, to assist transgender youth
- Founded Purple Rainbow Rails, a company that fashions rubber mermaid tails to raise money for transgender children



Sylvia Rivera

- Born on July 2, 1951 in Bronx, NY
- American gay liberation, transgender rights activist, drag queen
- Before identifying as transgender, Rivera used get beaten up by peers for wearing women's clothing and makeup
- Became great friends with Marsha P Johnson and identified as transgender
- Participated in the Stonewall riots
- She and Marsha also co-founded STAR (Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries), an organization that provided services, such as shelter homeless of the LGBTQ+ community in many states
- After Rivera passed away in 2002, the Sylvia Rivera Law Project was founded and named in her honor. This project provides services to the gay, transgender, and gender-fluid community



Brenda Howard

- Born on December 24, 1946 in Bronx, NY
- American bisexual rights activist
- Known as the "Mother of Pride" because she organized the first Pride parade
- She was arrested many times for social justice causes, such as protesting for healthcare of women, people of color, and those who have HIV/AIDS, but kept fighting
- In 1988, she co-founded the New York Area Bisexual Network, an organization for bisexual groups



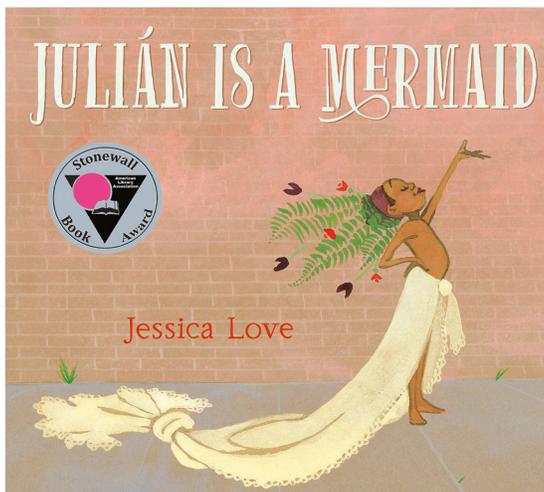
Book Recommendations

Auntie Uncle: Drag Queen Hero

By Ellie Royce

This is the story of a courageous drag queen that saves the day and brings two communities together. Leo is an accountant, but on weekends he transforms into Auntie Lotta. When the mayor wants to give Leo an award for being a hero, he's unsure if he should come out as Lotta. It's up to his nephew to save the day and come up with an idea.

Ages 3 and up



Julián is a Mermaid

By Jessica Love

A child is coming to understand his gender after a joyful encounter with 3 women dressed like mermaids. He wants to dress like one too, but wonders what his grandma will think of it

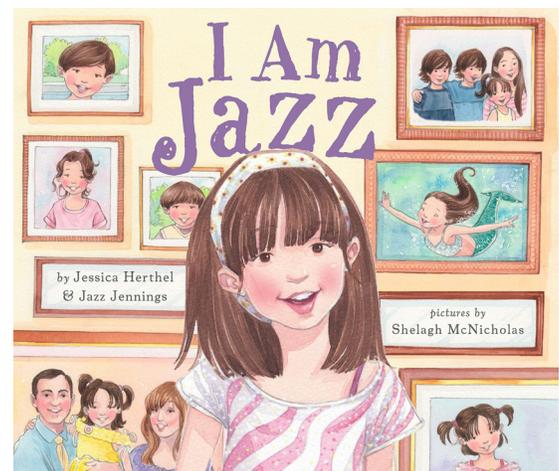
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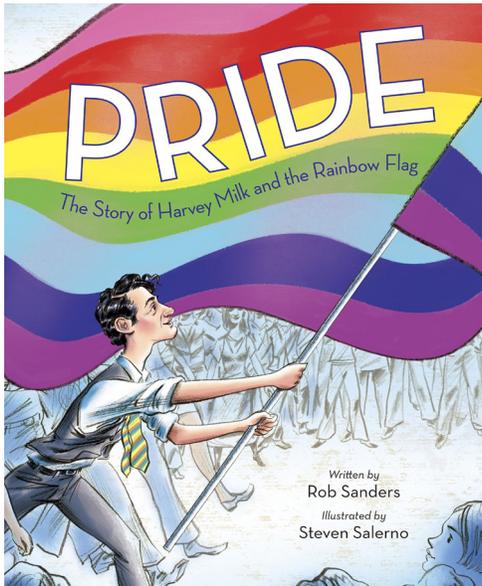
I Am Jazz

By Jessica Herthel & Jazz Jennings
Illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas

Jazz Jennings shares her story of realizing at a young age, though she was born and raised as a boy, she was truly a girl

Ages 4 and up





Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk & The Rainbow Flag

By Rob Sanders

Illustrated by Steven Salerno

Learning the inspiring and heroic story of the Gay Pride Flag, created in 1978 by Gilbert Baker and Harvey Milk

Ages 5 and up

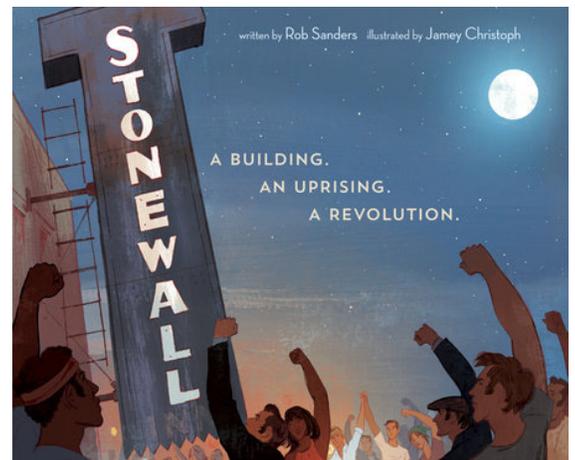
Stonewall: A Building, An Uprising, a Revolution

By Rob Sanders

Illustrated by Jamey Christopher

The moving story of the 1969 police raid and protests that played an important role in the gay civil rights movement

Ages 5 and up

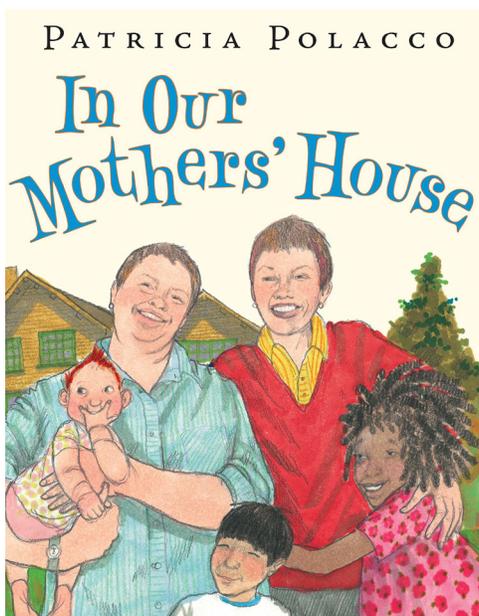


In Our Mothers' House

By Patricia Pollaco

Marmee and Meema and their kids are just like any other family in the neighborhood, but other families won't accept them. They get criticized on how there are two moms in the family. Marmee and Meema teach their kids that the house is full love and how being different isn't wrong.

Ages 6 and up

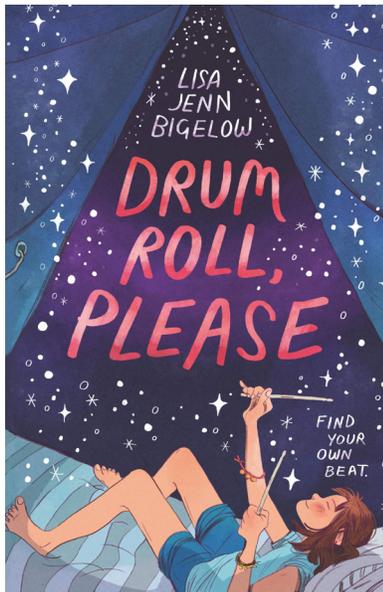
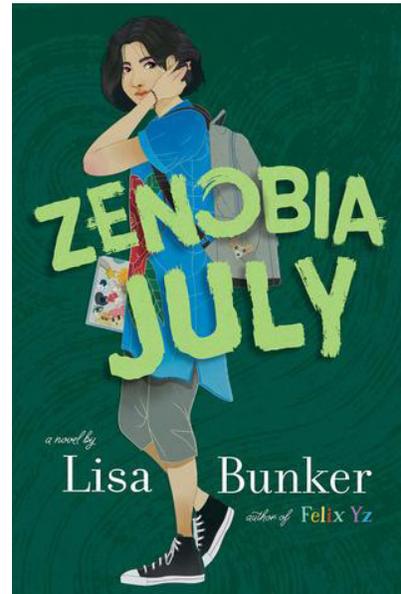


Zenobia July

By Lisa Bunker

Zenobia begins to start her new life with her aunts in Maine. She begins to live openly as a girl she always knew she was. When someone anonymously posted hateful content on her school's website, Zenobia starts to use her hacking skills to solve the crime.

Ages 10 and up



Drum Roll, Please

By Lisa Jenn Bigelow

Melly's parents begins to deal with some changes with her life this summer; her parents separating before going to camp, loses her best friend, and falls for a girl at camp. To top it off, Melly's not sure what it takes to be a rock 'n' roll drummer.

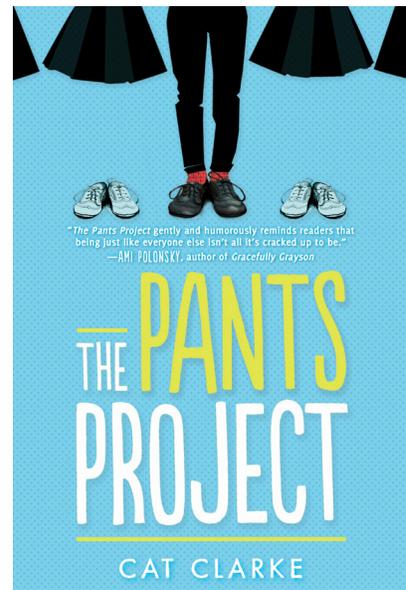
Ages 8 and up

The Pants Project

By Cat Clarke

Liv knew he was always meant to be a boy, but hasn't told anyone yet especially his moms. His school issued a new dress code which makes him wear skirts. Now, he decides to go Operation: Pants Project. He is hoping this mission can change his life.

Ages 9 and up



Film/Series Recommendations

In a Heartbeat

Directed by Esteban Bravo and Beth David
Produced by Ringling College of Art & Design

A short-animated film of a boy having a crush on another boy. He is so shy, but his heart isn't.



Out

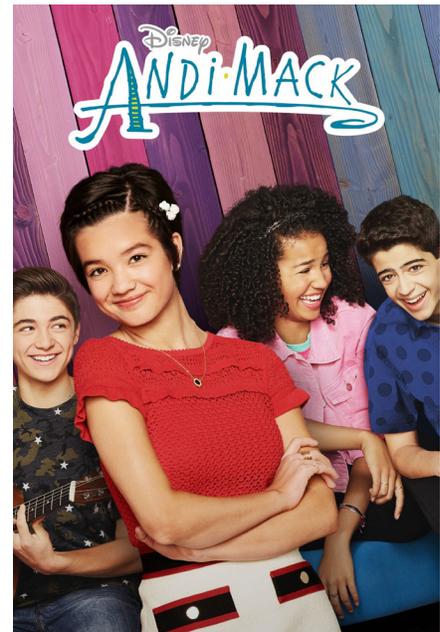
Directed by Steven Clay Hunter
Produced by Pixar Animation Studios

A short-animated film about Greg trying to move to the big city with his boyfriend, but hasn't come out to his parents yet. This is a big secret and puts him on the strain with his relationship with Manuel.

Andi Mack

Created by Terri Minsky
Original Network: Disney Channel

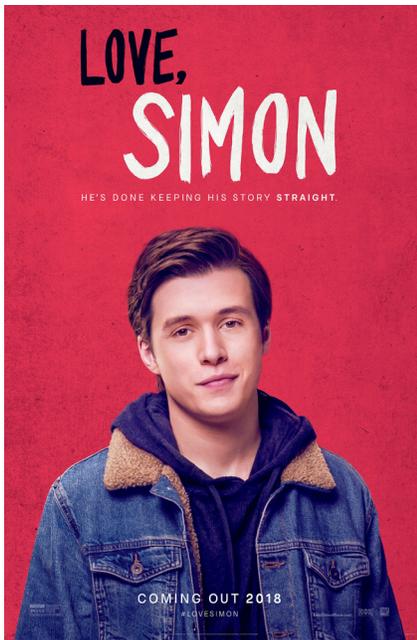
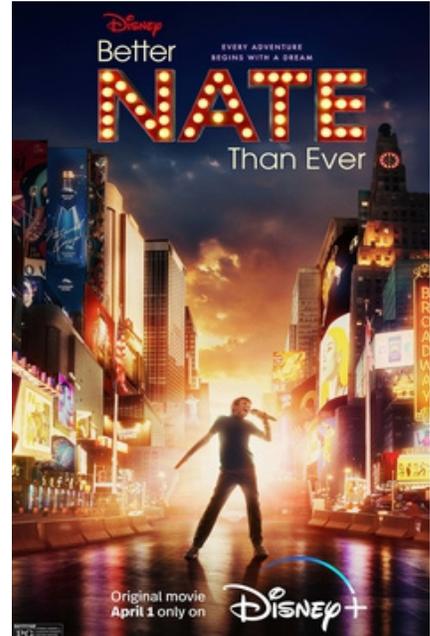
A coming-of-age story of a girl named Andi who determines where she fits in and discovers that her older sister is actually her real mother. This series also features Andi's friend, Cyrus coming out through the seasons.



Better Nate than Ever

Directed by Tim Federle
Musical/Comedy Film
Walt Disney Pictures

13-year-old Nate Foster always dreamed about becoming a Broadway star. He and his best friend Litty go to New York City to audition for Lilo and Stitch: The Musical.



Love, Simon

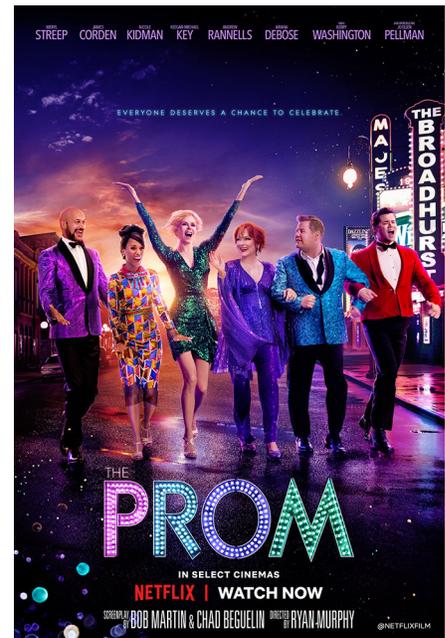
Created by Terri Minsky
Drama/Comedy Film
20th Century Fox

Simon Spier is dealing with some difficulty in his senior year of high school. He hasn't told his family and friends that he's gay and also doesn't know the identity of the anonymous classmate he's fallen for online.

The Prom

Directed by Ryan Murphy
Musical/Comedy
Netflix

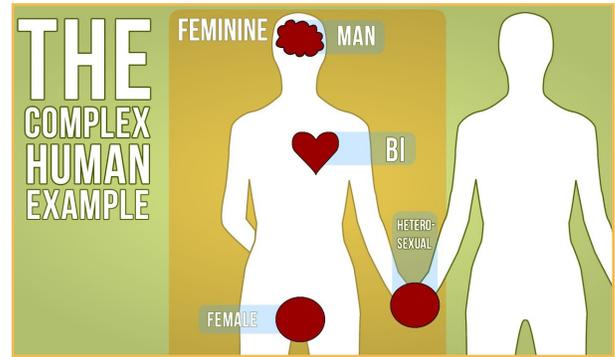
A group of washed-up Broadway stars go to a small town in Indiana to help a teenage girl whose school banned to take her girlfriend to prom.



Human Sexuality is Complicated...

vlogbrothers
Youtube Video

Youtuber Hank, takes on a topic he's been afraid to cover for a while and it's how should we talk about sexuality, what is the difference between sex and gender and between sexual orientation and sexual behavior.



The Mitchells vs. The Machines

Directed by Michael Rianda
Drama/Comedy Film
Netflix/Columbia Pictures

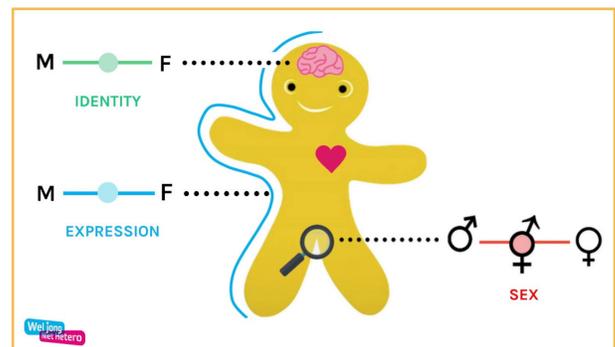
Katie prepares for a road trip with her parents, younger brother and dog to start her first year at film school. But their plans to bond as a family soon get interrupted when the world's electronic devices come to life. With help from two friendly robots, the Mitchells must now come together to save one another.

The Genderbread Cookie

Youtube

Based on this review, the Genderbread Cookie shows you how all the different aspects of your gender and sexual identity work. It is an international standard to explain the complexity of gender and sexuality.

Official Link: <https://www.genderbread.org>



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“Hope will never
be silent.”

– Harvey Milk

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