Innovative Library-School Partnerships

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LGBTQ resources mentioned in presentation

Educate yourself on terminology, for example sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, etc.

Educate staff: Ask your manager if you can have a staff training facilitated by an LGBTQ educated health care professional

Be ready for a challenge. Talk to your manager. Why is hosting an LGBTQ Discussion group part of the public library mission statement?

Intellectual Freedom and the Rights of Youth: “Lack of access to information can be harmful to minors. We do not act en loco parentis, and we also ensure that all members of the community, regardless of chronological age, have free and equal access to library resources, print and non-print, including access to LGBTQ materials.”

LGBTQ Resources:

**Human Rights Campaign, HRC** – [www.hrc.org](http://www.hrc.org)

America's largest civil rights organization working to achieve lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality.

**Welcoming Schools** - <http://www.welcomingschools.org/>

Welcoming Schools is an LGBT-inclusive approach to addressing family diversity, gender stereotyping and bullying and name-calling in K-5 learning environments. A project of Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

**Gay, Lesbian, & Straight Education Network, GLSEN** – [www.glsen.org](http://www.glsen.org)

GLSEN works to ensure that LGBT students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment.

**Strengths and Silences**: The Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Students in Rural and Small Town Schools – [www.glsen.org/ruralreport](http://www.glsen.org/ruralreport)

The report documents the experiences of more than 2,300 LGBT secondary students who attend schools in rural areas, using data collected from GLSEN's 2011 National School Climate Survey.

**Gay Straight Alliance, GSA** – [www.gsanetwork.org](http://www.gsanetwork.org)

GSAs empower youth activists to fight homophobia and transphobia in schools. Gay-Straight Alliance Network is a national youth leadership organization that connects school-based Gay-Straight Alliances (GSAs) to each other and community resources through peer support, leadership development, and training.

**The Trevor Project** - <http://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

A national 24-hour, toll free confidential suicide hotline for gay and questioning youth.

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** <http://www.afsp.org/>

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

**The Genderbread Person** - <http://itspronouncedmetrosexual.com/2012/03/the-genderbread-person-v2-0/> (This is version 2.0, but there is now a version 3.0…)

The Genderbread Person is a graphic that breaks down gender identity, expression, sex, and sexual orientation.

**Scarleteen** <http://www.scarleteen.com/>

A comprehensive, sex-ed site that is specifically for teens. It’s a great resource for information about gender, sexuality, questions & answers, and they have a cool message board where folks can communicate and ask questions, too.

**100 Conversations** <http://www.100conversations.org/>

100 Conversations was created to help us all have “the talk.” One "talk" will not encompass everything young people need to know about sex… you need to have, probably, one hundred conversations with them to really make a difference!

**Proud, Out and Wonderful** – P.O.W! <https://www.facebook.com/proudoutwonderful>

in association with Navos mental health in Burien <http://www.navos.org/>

**BGLAD** – Bisexual, Gay, & Lesbian Adolescent Drop-In <https://www.facebook.com/pages/BGLAD/103124046413628>

in association with Youth Eastside Services in Bellevue <http://www.youtheastsideservices.org/>

**KCSARC** – King County Sexual Assault Resource Center <http://www.kcsarc.org/>

**Northwest Network** of Bisexual, Trans, Lesbian and Gay Survivors of Abuse <http://nwnetwork.org/>

**Lifelong AIDS Alliance** <http://www.llaa.org/>

**Gender Odyssey** <http://www.genderodyssey.org/>

**PFLAG** [https://www.**pflag**.org/](https://www.pflag.org/)

Gay friendly churches

Mental Health Care Providers

School Counselors, School Librarians, GSA Advisor

County Health and Human Services: Example King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

Local Crisis Hotline

Go to your local Gay Pride Parade

PGP - Preferred Gender Pronoun

High of the week/Low of the week

Rose-Bud-Thorn - end of meeting assessment

 What did you like about the meeting?

 What would you like to see at the next meeting?

 Is there anything you did not like about this meeting?

Discussion Topics:

Coming Out

Relationships and Dating skills

Communication and Boundaries (consent)

Self-care

Family issues

Sexuality issues

Gender Identity

Transgender health

Anxiety and Depression

School-related difficulties

Finding support from others

Exploring resources

Terminology

Queer sex education

Religion

Advocacy & Leadership

ART! Buttons

**Group Agreements**

• **Move up, Move back**

 If you usually are quiet, try speaking up

 If you usually talk a lot, try listening more

• **One diva, One mic**

 One person speaks at a time, no talking over other people

• **Don’t yuck my yum**

 We like what we like. Please don’t criticize what I love, even if you don’t agree.

• **Throw glitter, not shade**

 Find opportunities to celebrate each other, instead of saying something that’s a downer/shadey.

• **Oops! Ouch!**

 You can say it when you’ve said something ouchey, or to call someone else out when they said something that hurt someone

• **Take care of yourself**

 If you’re feeling you need to get some fresh air, or don’t feel comfortable sharing, take a break.

• **Don’t make assumptions**

 You can’t know someone else. Don’t assume their gender, whether they are out, etc. Everyone is the expert on themselves.

• **I statements**

 You can speak for yourself, but don’t speak for other people

**Las Vegas Rules**

 What’s said here, stays here.