

Serving GLBT Community: Where Access, Equality and Intellectual Freedom Collide

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MUST HAVE PROFESSIONAL BOOK:

Naidoo, Jamie Campbell, *Rainbow family collections: selecting and using children's books with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer content*. Libraries Unlimited, Santa Barbara CA, 2012.

WHAT I'M READING NOW: The Popularity Papers: Research for the Social Improvement and General Betterment of Lydia Goldblatt and Julie Graham-Chang by Amy Ignatow

FROM OUR ASSOCIATIONS:

Hughes-Hassell, Sandra; Overberg, Elizabeth; and Harris, Shannon. 2013. "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ)-Themed Literature for Teens: Are School Libraries Providing Adequate Collections?" American Association of School Librarians. <u>http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume16/hughes-hassell-overberg-harris</u>; Extensive bibliography of works, cites both professional articles and Young Adult titles

Serving Diverse Teens @ Your Library; YALSA Diversity Taskforce. http://wikis.ala.org/yalsa/index.php/Serving_Diverse_Teens_@_Your_Library, March 6, 2013.

Bibliography for Gay Teens; a bibliography used for Gay Teens In The 21st Century: Access To The Future Preconference, A Preconference to the 2000 Annual Conference of the American Library Association

http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/popularresources/teens, 2000.

The Rainbow Project; promotes GLBTQ fiction and nonfiction books for young readers from birth through age 18. <u>http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/</u>

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, 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 YALSA's new Teens @ the Library books address answering teens' tough questions, advocacy; evaluation <u>http://www.ala.org/news/yalsa's-new-teens-library-books-address-answering-teens'-tough-</u> questions-advocacy-evaluation, 6/1/5/2012

ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom http://www.ala.org/offices/oif

Freedom to Read Foundation http://www.ftrf.org

Symons, Ann K. and Sally Gardner Reed, *Speaking Out! Voices in Celebration of Intellectual Freedom*, American Library Association, 1999.

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 LGTQ Youth; *Curriculum Connections--School Library Journal*, June 5, 2012

http://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/slj/home/894523-312/protecting_our_lgbtq_youth_.html.csp

Dewitt, Peter, *Dignity for All: Safeguarding LGBT Students*, Corwin, 2012.

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

Biegel, Stuart. The Right to be Out: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity in America's Public Schools. University of Minnesota Press, 2012.

Wahls, Zach, My Two Moms: lessons of love, strength, and What Makes a Family. Gotham, 2012.

Symons, Ann K., *The More Things Change, the More Things Remain the Same*, in Horrocks, Norman, ed., *Perspectives, Insights & Priorities*. Scarecrow Press, 2005.

GLSEN Safe Space Kit; Guide to Being an Ally to LGBT Students. Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, 2011.

GLSEN, NAEYC, NAESP, Ready, Set, Respect! GLSEN's Elmentary School Toolkit. Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network, 2012.

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

I'm here. I'm queer. What the hell do I read? <u>http://www.leewind.org</u>

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

LOCAL:

Bitchmedia, Beyond Judy Blume: Queer YA Characters Need Friends Too!http://bitchmagazine.org/post/beyond-judy-blume-queer-ya-fiction-feminist-magazinefriends-literature, post by Ashley McAllister on September 27, 2012

BY THE NUMBEERS:

Gates, Gary J, Frank Newport

Gallup Special Report: New Estimates of the LGBT Population in the United States, February 2013 http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/research/census-lgbt-demographics-studies/gallup-lgbt-pop-feb-2013/

The Real Modern Family in America http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/headlines/the-real-modern-family-in-america-2/

Oregon Census Snapshot: 2010. <u>http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Census2010Snapshot_Oregon_v2.pdf</u>

Washington Census Snapshot: 2010 http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Census2010Snapshot_Washington_v2.pdf

Same-sex Couples and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Population: New Estimates from the American Community Surveyhttp://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Gates-Same-Sex-Couples-GLB-Pop-ACS-Oct-2006.pdf

2011 National School Climate Survey: LGBT Youth Face Pervasive, But Decreasing Levels of Harassment, http://www.glsen.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/2897.html

GLSEN School Climate In Oregon 2011 State Snapshot http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/000/001/1819-2.pdf

GLSEN School Climate in Washington 2011 State Snapshot http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/000/001/1824-2.pdf

Oregon City Population by Rank http://web.oregon.com/towns/population_rank.cfm

Washington Population by City http://data.spokesman.com/census/2010/washington/cities/

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/

Hughes-Hassell, Sandra; Overberg, Elizabeth; and Harris, Shannon. 2013. "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ)-Themed Literature for Teens: Are School Libraries Providing Adequate Collections?" American Association of School Librarians. <u>http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume16/hughes-hassell-overberg-harris</u>; Extensive bibliography of works cites both professional articles and Young Adult titles

Same Sex Marriage:

Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington, as well as the District of Columbia and three Native American tribes legally recognize same-sex marriage . As of January 2013, nine states—Connecticut, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont, and Washington—as well as the District of Columbia and three Native American tribes

Oregon Launches Marriage Equality Ballot Initiative Oregon United for Marriage today announced its intent to put marriage equality legislation before Oregon voters in 2014; Sunnivie Brydum, February 14 2013 <u>http://www.advocate.com/politics/marriage-equality/2013/02/14/oregon-launches-marriage-equality-ballot-initiative</u>

INTERESTING ARTICLES FROM THE NEWS

What's So Bad About a Boy Who Wants to Wear a Dress? <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/12/magazine/whats-so-bad-about-a-boy-who-wants-to-wear-a-dress.html?pagewanted=1&hp&_r=0</u> By Ruth Padawer, published: August 8, 2012 Read some of the 834+ comments

Male Couples Face Pressure to Fill Cradles <u>http://www.nytimes.com/2012/08/10/us/gay-couples-face-pressure-to-have-</u> <u>children.html?pagewanted=1&_r=2&src=rechp&</u> 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 Posted by Aaron Blake on April 2, 2013 at 12:06 pm

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2013/04/02/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

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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 Stateshttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_the_first_LGBT_holders_of_political_offices_in_the_Unit ed_StatesAs 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.