



Transgender Themed Books and Resources in the Guarini Library

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Picture Books (Pre-K/Elementary)

Baldacchino, Christine	Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress (Morris loves to wear the tangerine dress from the dress up center in class.)	Juv.B1753m
Carr, Jennifer	Be who you are! (A young transgender child, Hope, formerly Nick becomes comfortable with his identity with the support and understanding of her parents and family.)	Juv.C31117b
Ewart, Marcus	10,000 Dresses (A young transgender boy dreams of beautiful dresses that everyone tells her she can't wear.)	Juv. E944t
Hall, Michael	Red : a crayon's story	Juv. H1782r
Herthel, Jessica and Jennings, Jazz	I am Jazz (The true story of Jazz Jennings, a transgender girl)	Juv.306.76.H574i
Kilodavis, Cheryl	My Princess Boy (A little boy loves to dress up in frilly, princess clothes and twirl and is loved by his friends and family.)	Juv.306.76.K48m
Newman, Leslea	Sparkle Boy ("Three-year-old Casey wants what his older sister, Jessie, has--a shimmery skirt, glittery painted nails, and a sparkly bracelet--but Jessie does not approve. After two boys tease Casey about his appearance, Jessie evolves to a place of acceptance and celebration of her gender creative younger brother")	Juv.N553sb
Parr, Todd	It's Okay to be Different (general self-esteem)	Juv.P258i

Chapter Books (Middle School)

Blacker, Terence	Boy2Girl (After the death of his mother, thirteen-year-old Sam comes to live with his cousin and as a prank, he dresses up as a girl for school, but it soon gets out of hand.)	Juv.B628f
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Gilman, Melanie	As the Crow Flies (Charlie Lamonte is thirteen years old, queer, black, and questioning what was once a firm belief in God. So naturally, she's spending a week of her summer vacation stuck at an all-white Christian youth backpacking camp. As the journey wears on and the rhetoric wears thin, she can't help but poke holes in the pious obliviousness of this storied sanctuary with little regard for people like herself . . . or her fellow camper, Sydney. Graphic Novel.)	Juv.G4824a
Gino, Alex	George (When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all")	Juv.4932g
Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz (Autobiography which covers life as a Transgender Teen)	Juv.923.6.J544b
Shimura, Takako	Wandering Son, vols.1-2 (A fifth grade Japanese boy, who prefers to be a girl, meets a friend. Graphic novel.)	Juv.S5566w
Kuklin, Susan	Beyond Magenta: Transgender teens speak out	Juv.306.76K965b

Secondary

Cronn-Mills, Kristen	Beautiful music for ugly children (Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents-- all while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school.)	Juv.C9475b
Davis, Tanita S.	Happy families (Teenage twins come to terms with their transgender father.) Full spectrum: A new generation of writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Other Identities	Juv. D2648h Juv. 306.76.F965
	Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia	Juv.306.76.H435
Huegel, Kelly	GLBTQ: the survival guide for queer & questioning teens	Juv. 301.424 .H887g 2003

Jennings, Jazz	Being Jazz (Autobiography which covers life as a Transgender Teen)	Juv.923.6.J544b
Kaycher, Brian	Almost Perfect (Sage Hendricks befriends Logan at a time when he no longer trusts or believes in people. Sage has been homeschooled for a number of years and her parents have forbidden her to date anyone, but she won't tell Logan why. One day, Logan acts on his growing feelings for Sage. Moments later, he wishes he never had. Sage finally discloses her big secret: she's actually a boy.)	Juv.K1945a
Kaye, Julia	Super Late Bloomer: My early days in transition (Instead of a traditional written diary, Julia Kaye has always turned to art as a means of self-reflection. So when she began her gender transition in 2016, she decided to use her popular webcomic, <i>Up and Out</i> , to process her journey and help others with similar struggles realize they weren't alone.) Kicked Out (stories of LGBTQ teens who were kicked out of their homes when they came out to their families, and how they survived.)	HQ77.8.K35.A3 2-018 (circ. Collection) Juv. 306.76.K465
Kuklin, Susan	Beyond Magenta: Transgender teens speak out Love and Sex: Ten Stories of Truth	Juv.306.76K965b Juv. L879I
Oshiro, Mark	Anger is a Gift (Rooted in the working-class neighborhoods of Oakland, California, this is a tale of youth of color, diverse in sexuality and gender, organizing to challenge state-sanctioned violence. Black teenager Moss Jeffries is still grieving from the loss six years earlier of his father by the trigger finger of a police officer. Moss struggles with self-doubt and anxiety-induced panic attacks, finding comfort in his emerging relationship with Javier, a Latinx boy who's just as tender as he is bold. As the school year begins, the school resource officer assaults Moss' friend Shawna, claiming to suspect drugs but the young people know that it's really about her decision to fully embrace her black trans identity.)	Juv.O824a
McLemore, Anna-Marie	When the moon was ours (As their deep friendship turns to love, Latina teenager Miel, who grows roses from her wrist, and Italian-Pakistani Samir, a transgender boy, fear their secrets will be exposed by the beautiful Bonner girls, four sisters rumored to be witches.)	Juv.M1647w
Peters, Julie Ann	Luna , a novel (Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of transitioning by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.)	Juv. P481/
Plum-Ucci, Carol	What Happened to Lani Garver (An enigmatic teen without an explicit gender identity moves to a small community.)	Juv. P736w
Russo, Meredith	If I was your girl (Amanda Hardy only wants to fit in at her new school, but she is keeping a big secret, so when she falls for Grant, guarded Amanda finds herself yearning to share with him everything about herself, including her previous life as Andrew.)	Juv.R9698i

Shimura, Takako	Wandering Son, vols.1-2 (A fifth grade Japanese boy, who prefers to be a girl, meets a friend. Graphic novel.)	Juv.S5566w
Slater, Dashka	The 57 bus (One teenager in a skirt. One teenager with a lighter. One moment that changes both of their lives forever. If it weren't for the 57 bus, Sasha and Richard never would have met.)	Juv.364.15.S631f
Wittlinger, Ellen	Parrotfish (Angela Katz McNair decides to adopt the sexual identity with which she feels comfortable, that of a guy named Grady.)	Juv.W831p

Curriculum Collection

- CMC HQ76.25.C42 2000 Challenging Homophobia in Schools
- CMC HQ77.9 .B49 2004 Beyond the binary: a tool kit for gender identity activism in schools
- CMC HQ77.95 .U6 T73 2005
Peeing in peace: a resource guide for transgender activists and allies
- CMC LC 192.6.P74 2001 Preventing Prejudice: Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Lesson Plan Guide for Elementary Schools
- CMC LC192.6.T33 2004 Tackling LGBT Issues in School: A Resource module
- CMC LC 212.8.S73 1996 Sex-Role Stereotyping and Sexual Harassment Elementary School Resources
- CMC Z1037.N24 2012 Rainbow Family Collection: Selecting and Using Children's Books with

Media Collection

Middle School

I am Jazz: A Family in Transition

<http://www.transkidspurplerainbow.org/featured/i-am-jazz-a-family-in-transition/>

(In this documentary special an extraordinary family and their transgendered daughter. 11-year-old Jazz and her family face a life-altering decision as the ebullient tween approaches puberty. Through extensive archival family footage and first-person interviews, Jazz and her family share their powerful personal story as they grapple with the possibility of hormone blocking therapy and issues related to fertility, discrimination and identity.)

Secondary

- V2511 **Speak up! : improving the lives of gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender youth**
(Explores what these students have done to transform their schools into safer and more welcoming environments. Interviews with students, parents, teachers, administrators and national activists highlight not only the need for transformation, but offer resources and advice for those actively working for change.)
- V2599 **In other words**
(Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered teenagers discuss their responses to homophobic language. Additionally, slang, music media images and dictionary definitions are woven together to demonstrate how language shapes attitude.)
- V3678 **Toilet Training**
(“Addresses the persistent discrimination, harassment, and violence that people who transgress gender norms face in gender segregated bathrooms. Using the stories of people who have been harassed, arrested or beaten for trying to use bathrooms, this groundbreaking film focuses on bathroom access in public space, in schools, and at work)
- As If It Matters**
<http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/posters-movies-and-more/as-if-it-matters>
(Nine youth wrote, directed, produced, and edited “As If It Matters: Six stories beneath the surface,” a 25 min. video that voices the actual stories we see in our everyday lives. It deals with issues of homophobia, cultural acceptance, body image, relationships, and labels through the stories of six students at one high school over 24 hours. Is intended to spark dialogue, increase the visibility of LGBT youth experiences, and inspire people to take action against discrimination and harassment in their communities and schools. The site includes a downloadable video/link to YouTube and a Curriculum Guide)

Other Resources

<http://www.glsen.org/>

(GLSEN, or the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, is the leading national education organization focused on ensuring safe schools for ALL students.)

<http://www.lgbt-education.info/en/home>

(The primary focus of GALE BC is to advocate for change in the educational system which will result in a positive environment for lesbians, gays and bisexuals in education, whether they are students, parents, teachers, or administrators)

<http://www.leewind.org/>

(Book review blog for GLBT teens called “I’m Here. I’m Queer. What the Hell do I read?”)

<http://www.state.nj.us/dcf/adolescent/lgbtqi/Northern%20Region%20Pride%20Guide.pdf>

Teen Resources Intended to Aid & Nurture Gays, Lesbians & Everyone

<http://www.hrc.org/resources/entry/scholarship-database>

LGBT Student Scholarship Database

https://www.nea.org/assets/docs/Schools_in_Transition_2015.pdf

Schools In Transition: A Guide for Supporting Transgender Students in K-12 Schools
(A publication by American Civil Liberties Union, Gender Spectrum, Human Rights Campaign, National Center for Lesbian Rights and National Education Association that highlights best practices while offering strategies for building upon and aligning them with each school's culture.)

<http://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/rainbow-books-lists>

Rainbow Book List GLBTQ Books for Children and Teens (published annually)
(The bibliography features recommended fiction and nonfiction titles for young readers, from birth through age 18 noted for their significant and authentic GLBTQ content.)

<http://www.transactiveonline.org>

TransActive is a center based in Oregon, the website contains useful resources for home and school

<https://www.translanguageprimer.org/>

The Transgender Language Primer
a resource that could be utilized by the community as well as our cohorts and the medical, mental health, and social professionals working with the community

<http://www.transkidspurplerainbow.org/>

TransKids Purple Rainbow Foundation
(TKPR is committed to enhancing the future lives of TransKids by educating schools, peers, places of worship, the medical community, government bodies, and society in general, in an effort to seek fair and equal treatment and of all transyouth)

<http://www.transyouthequality.org/>

Trans Youth Equality Foundation
(Education, advocacy and support for transgender and gender non-conforming children and youth and their families. Includes booklists for all grade levels.)

<https://advocatesforyouth.org/resources-tools/>

Advocates for Youth
General resources for LGBTQ youth

SEE ALSO

LGBTQ books in the Guarini Library

<https://www.njcu.edu/guarini/departments/EdServiceBib/LGBTQbooks.pdf>