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  
Juv.B1753m  
(Morris loves to wear the tangerine dress from the dress up center in class.)

Carr, Jennifer  
Be who you are!  
Juv.C31117b  
(A young transgender child, Hope, formerly Nick becomes comfortable with his identity with the support and understanding of his parents and family.)

Ewart, Marcus  
10,000 Dresses  
Juv. E944t  
(A young transgender boy dreams of beautiful dresses that everyone tells her she can’t wear.)

Hall, Michael  
Red: a crayon’s story  
Juv. H1782r

Herthel, Jessica and Jennings, Jazz  
I am Jazz  
Juv.306.76.H574i  
(The true story of Jazz Jennings, a transgender girl)

Kilodavis, Cheryl  
My Princess Boy  
Juv.306.76.K48m  
(A little boy loves to dress up in frilly, princess clothes and twirl and is loved by his friends and family.)

Newman, Leslea  
Sparkle Boy  
Juv.N553sb  
("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")

Parr, Todd  
It’s Okay to be Different  
Juv.P258i  
(general self-esteem)

**Chapter Books (Middle School)**

Blacker, Terence  
Boy2Girl  
Juv.B628f  
(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.)
Gilman, Melanie  
*As the Crow Flies*  
Juv.G4824a  
(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.)

Gino, Alex  
*George*  
Juv.4932g  
(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")

Shimura, Takako  
*Wandering Son, vols.1-2*  
Juv.S5566w  
(A fifth grade Japanese boy, who prefers to be a girl, meets a friend. Graphic novel.)

Kuklin, Susan  
*Beyond Magenta: Transgender teens speak out*  
Juv.306.76K965b

**Secondary**

Cronn-Mills, Kristen  
*Beautiful music for ugly children*  
Juv.C9475b  
(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.)

Davis, Tanita S.  
*Happy families*  
Juv. D2648h  
(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. 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
Kaycher, Brian

Almost Perfect
Juv.K1945a
(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.)

Kicked Out
Juv. 306.76.K465
(stories of LGBTQ teens who were kicked out of their homes when they came out to their families, and how they survived.)

Kuklin, Susan

Beyond Magenta: Transgender teens speak out
Juv.306.76K965b
Love and Sex: Ten Stories of Truth
Juv. L879l

Oshiro, Mark

Anger is a Gift
Juv.O824a
(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.)

McLemore, Anna-Marie

When the moon was ours
Juv.M1647w
(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.)

Peters, Julie Ann

Luna, a novel
Juv. P481/
(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.)

Plum-Ucci, Carol

What Happened to Lani Garver
Juv. P736w
(An enigmatic teen without an explicit gender identity moves to a small community.)

Russo, Meredith

If I was your girl
Juv.R9698i
(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.)

Shimura, Takako

Wandering Son, vols.1-2
Juv.S5566w
(A fifth grade Japanese boy, who prefers to be a girl, meets a friend. Graphic novel.)

Slater, Dashka

The 57 bus
Juv.364.15.S631f

sdk 5/15/17 rev.3/19
(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.)

Wittlinger, Ellen
Parrotfish Juv.W831p
(Angela Katz McNair decides to adopt the sexual identity with which she feels comfortable, that of a guy named Grady.)

**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 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**

**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.)
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.)

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.)

(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/department/EdServiceBib/LGBTQbooks.pdf