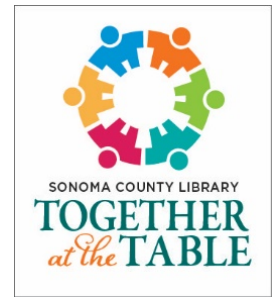


LGBTQI

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KEY DEFINITIONS

Definitions are from Merriam-Webster's dictionary.

- **LGBTQI:** Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/Questioning Intersex
- **Ally:** a person who supports and respects members of LGBTQI community.
- **Bisexual:** a person attracted to both male/men and females/women.
- **Cisgender:** a person whose gender identity and biological sex assigned at birth align.
- **Gay:** a term used to describe individuals who are attracted to members of the same sex and/or gender; an umbrella term to refer to the queer community as a whole, or as an individual identity label for anyone who does not identify as heterosexual.
- **Intersex:** someone whose combination of chromosomes, gonads, hormones, internal sex organs, and genitals differs from the two expected patterns of male or female.
- **Lesbian:** a term used to describe females/women-identified people attracted to other females/women-identified people.
- **Queer:** an umbrella term to describe individuals who do not identify as straight.
- **Questioning:** an individual who or when someone is unsure about or is exploring their own sexual orientation or gender identity.
- **Transgender:** an umbrella term covering a range of identities that transgress socially defined gender norms; a person who lives as a member of a gender other than that expected based on anatomical sex.

RESOURCES

- **GLSEN** (Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network), founded in 1990 by a group of teachers, is a national education organization focused on ensuring safe and affirming schools for LGBTQ students. Visit www.glsen.org for research information and resources on how to positively support schools and communities.
- **PFLAG** (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) unites people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer with families, friends and allies. Visit www.pflag.org to learn about this network and learn how to connect nationally and locally.
- **SAGE** (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender older adults. SAGE addresses issues related to LGBT aging including advocacy efforts. Visit www.sageusa.org for information on SAGE programs, advocacy issues, publications.
- **The Trevor Project**, founded in 1998, is the leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) young people ages 13-24. Visit www.thetrevorproject.org for education, resources and information on how to get involved in this project.

LGBTQI IN THE 20TH CENTURY

These cases and/or policy enactments have made an impact on the LGBTQI community in the United States during the 20th century.

What advancements and/or changes do you foresee for the LGBTQI community?

- **June 28th, 1970:** the first gay pride parade occurs in New York City one year after the Stonewall Riots.
- **1978:** inspired by Harvey Milk, Gilbert Baker designs and produces the first rainbow flag as a symbol of pride for LGBTQI.
- **November 1995:** Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act goes into effect imposing harsher sentencing if the victim was targeted based on "actual or perceived race, color, religion, nationality, ethnicity, gender, disability, or sexual orientation."
- **December 3, 1996:** Hawaiian Judge Chang rules that the state does not have a legal right to deprive same-sex couples the right to marry, making Hawaii the first state to recognize LGBT couples are entitled to the same privileges as married couples.
- **April 26, 2000:** Vermont becomes the first state to legalize civil-unions between same-sex couples.
- **May 17, 2004:** Massachusetts becomes the first state to legally marry a same-sex couple.
- **September 20, 2011:** "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repealed ending a ban on gays and lesbians from serving openly in the military.
- **June 26, 2013:** the U.S. Supreme Court strikes down section 3 of the Defense of Marriage Act, ruling that legally married same-sex couples are entitled to federal benefits.

WATCH & LISTEN

- **Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric**
National Geographic Films. (2017). *Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric* [Documentary: DVD].
Couric meets with leading scientist, physicians, and experts to answer questions about gender and gender identity. She examines the roles of science, society and culture with regard to gender and sheds light on the stories of struggle, understanding, ignorance, and love.

- **How to Survive a Plague**
France, David (Director & Writer). (2013). *How to Survive a Plague* [Documentary: DVD].
The story of those who brought awareness and advocated for an AIDS cure for the thousands suffering.
- **Stonewall Uprising**
Davis, Kate (Director). (2011). *Stonewall Uprising* [Documentary: DVD].
This film explores the Stonewall Riots that launched a worldwide LGBTQ rights movement.
- **Never Before with Janet Mock**
Pineapple Street Media (2018). [Audio Podcast]. Retrieved from www.janetmock.com/podcast.
Mock, a trans journalist, hosts conversations with cultural figures exploring their identity, influences, life choices, & work.

READ

For Adults & Teens

- ***Fun Home: a family tragicomic***, by Alison Bechdel
This graphic novel tells the memorable and darkly funny family memoirs of a father and daughter as they each explore their own sexual identity.
- ***The Miseducation of Cameron Post***, by Emily M. Danforth
Cameron moves in with her conservative relatives following her parents' sudden death as she discovers who she is.
- ***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***, by Becky Albertalli
Simon, a not-so-out 16 year old, is being blackmailed and falling in love in for the first time.
- ***Speak No Evil***, by Uzodinma Iweala
Niru's future is bright, he starts Harvard in the fall, and then things change when his conservative Nigerian parents discover he is gay.
- ***This Book is Gay***, by Juno Dawson
This book aims to provide answers to questions for everyone, regardless of gender or sexual preference, from sex to politics, coming out to stereotypes, and more. Also included are real stories from people across the gender and sexual spectrums.
- ***Tomorrow will be Different: love, loss, and the fight for trans equality***, by Sarah McBride
This captivating memoir is a story of love and loss and a powerful entry point in the LGBTQ community's battle for equal rights and what it means to be openly transgender.
- ***Transgender History: the roots of today's revolution***, by Susan Stryker
Covering American transgender history from the mid-20th century to today, each chapter covers major movements, writings, and events.
- ***When Harry Became Sally: responding to the transgender moment***, by Ryan Anderson
Drawing on insights from biology, psychology, and philosophy, Anderson offers a nuanced view of human embodiment, a balanced approach to public policy on gender identity and an assessment of the cost of getting human nature wrong.
- ***Why Gender Matters***, by Leonard Sax

Dr. Sax explores the innate differences between boys, girls, transgender, and intersex kids and reviews sexual orientation.

For Children

- ***Lily & Dunkin***, by Donna Gephart
Lily Jo, born Timothy, is a girl, but being a girl is not easy when you look like a boy. Dunkin is new in town and has a secret. One day, Lily Jo and Dunkin meet and their lives forever change.
- ***The Other Boy***, by M.G. Hennessey
Shane is a regular 12-year old boy who loves baseball, graphic novels and hanging with friends but he is keeping something private. When a classmate reveals his secret, his world comes crashing down.
- ***Worm Loves Worm***, by J.J. Austrian
Two worms in love decide to get married, and with help from friends, they have everything they need but more, but which one will be the bride and which the groom?

LEARN MORE

- Visit sonomalibrary.org/togetheratthetable for more recommended reads and resources about LGBTQI.

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