

Serving New Jersey's GLBTI Communities: Tools for LGBTI

Reference & Collection Development

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SPECIALIZED SOURCES

American Library Association. GLBT Round Table. Stonewall Book Awards

www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/glbtrt/stonewall/stonewallbook.cfm#2009

This award has been in place since 1971.

Colors in the Rainbow: Race, Culture, and Sexual Orientation... Latino/Hispanic Culture

<http://tinyurl.com/l5dy3k>

A PFLAG newsletter article celebrating classics in the canon of literature by Latinos and Latinas in the U.S.

Gay & Lesbian Review

www.glreview.com

Formerly entitled the *Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review*, this bimonthly attempts to provide a forum for enlightened discussion of issues and ideas of importance to lesbians and gay men; to advance gay and lesbian culture by providing a quality vehicle for its best writers and thinkers; and to educate a broader public on gay and lesbian topics.+ Subscribe to obtain full access, but see the website for sample articles and reviews, many by eminent people. For reference purposes, note the index at www.glreview.com/pdfs/GLR-Index-1994-2007.pdf

GLBT Literature Review

<http://jclarkmedia.com/gaybooks/recommended.html>

A long annotated list of fiction, drama, poetry and nonfiction supports the creation of a core collection.

Lambda Literary Foundation: Book Report

www.lambdaliterary.org/lambda_book_report/lbr_current.html

Full-page reviews by writers and editors provide in-depth analysis.

Lambda Literary Foundation: Awards

www.lambdaliterary.org/awards/previous_winners/paw_2008_2010.html

You can also view lists of earlier award-winners for a wide variety of categories (anthologies, drama, fiction, memoir, nonfiction, poetry, romance, titles for youth, and more).

Publishing Triangle. Awards

www.publishingtriangle.org/awards.asp

The Publishing Triangle, the Association of Gay Men and Lesbians in Publishing, has been honoring writers since its 1989 founding. Librarians will probably want to offer members of their public all the titles listed here. Also helpful is **The 100 Best Lesbian and Gay Novels** (largely of the twentieth century, at **www.publishingtriangle.org/100best.asp**



GLBTI PUBLISHERS

Alyson Books

www.alyson.com

Fiction and nonfiction by, for, about gay men and lesbians.

Aunt Lute Books

www.auntlute.com/catalog.htm

Particularly strong in books reflecting the experiences of women of color and of poor women.

Bella Books

www.bellabooks.com

Specializes in lesbian romance.

Cleis Press

www.cleispress.com

Fiction, human rights, romance, erotica, and guides to sex.

GLBT Bookshelf

<http://bookworld.editme.com>

A source for popular, largely gay male, literature; with reviews, a list of publishers, articles, and discussions.

New Victoria Publishers

www.newvictoria.com

Mysteries, romance, poetry, popular fiction and nonfiction.

RedBone Press

www.redbonepress.com

Work celebrating the cultures of black lesbians and gay men, and work that further promotes understanding between black gays and lesbians and the black mainstream. Many of its publications have been award winners. See this publisher's *Carry the Word*, an African American GLBT bibliography.

Seal Press

www.sealpress.com

Well respected books about abuse, African American studies, health, music, poetry, relationships, work, and other topics of interest to women.



COMMERCIAL SOURCES

NoveList Plus (and NoveList K-12 Plus)

At your library and at **www.jerseyclicks.org**

See also the Recommended Reads for social issues, which includes a book list for homosexuality and another for AIDS. And **all our standard sources** review LGBTI materials and issues to some extent. Add to these **ListenNJ**, if you participate, and **Audible.com**, which you can search for audio formats.

Amazon

<http://tinyurl.com/mq49s6>

A compilation of GLBTI books (hardback, paperback, audiobook, and Kindle) for sale by Amazon and its confederates.

Charis Books

<http://charis.booksense.com/NASApp/store/IndexJsp?s=localauthors>

Featured booklists from this long-lived feminist bookstore include recommendations about relationships and parenting.

A Different Light Bookstore

www.adlbooks.com

Established in 1979, this company offers books, music, movies, calendars, and gifts for men and women.

Giovanni's Room

www.giovanisroom.com

Philadelphia's GLBTI bookstore has an impressive depth and breadth of offerings, making its catalog a useful tool for librarians.

Lambda Rising Bookstores

www.lambdarising.com

Use the Quick Browse+ to search by category: art/architecture, biography, business, fiction, history, politics, reference, etc.

Powell's Books

www.powells.com/section/GayandLesbian.html

Suggested newer and used titles.



MUSIC & MEDIA

Frameline

www.frameline.org

Founded in 1977, Frameline's mission is to strengthen the diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community and further its visibility by supporting and promoting a broad array of cultural representations and artistic expression in film, video and other media arts.+ Includes a section for high school students.

Ladyslipper Records

www.ladyslipper.org

Music· over 15,000 titles· to appeal to gay men and to lesbians and other women.

Netflix

http://www.netflix.com/BrowseGenres/Gay_Lesbian/330?siw=1&lnktrk=GID_330

Gay and lesbian selection of movies.

OutVoice

www.outvoice.net

GLBT top 40 charts.

Pittsburgh Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

www.pilgff.org/filmfest_home.htm

Scanning offerings of film festivals may inspire your collection development.

Rutgers University: Movies related to lesbians and gays

<http://tinyurl.com/kse42r>

This [2003] guide is a browsing aid to selected titles in the video/DVD collections at Rutgers Libraries. The most up-to-date, accurate, and complete information regarding the libraries' holdings is available only through IRIS.+

WolfeVideo

<http://wolfevideo.com>

DVDs for gay and lesbian adults and youth.

Women Make Movies

<http://wmm.com>

Offers a catalog of cinema by women, generally about women from many backgrounds; multicultural. Excellent production values, generally documentaries.



POPULAR MAGAZINES

Advocate

www.advocate.com

Popular, longstanding tabloid, largely for gay men but with features for women too.

BiMagazine

<http://bimagazine.org>

Lots of reviews here of fiction, nonfiction, art, movies, music, and theater- as well as substantive articles.

Blacklight

www.blacklightonline.com

Blacklight published from 1979 thru 1986. In those years it chronicled the birth of the Black Gay political movement and witnessed the havoc that was the dawn of AIDS. Blacklight has been online since 2001. Our original issues have been digitally archived.+

Curve

www.curvemag.com

For lesbians, this magazine spotlights celebrity interviews, news, politics, shopping, pop culture, style, travel,+celebrities, with personal ads.

Echelon

www.echelonmagazine.com

Taking Pride in Business+ for business people interested also in travel, politics, real estate, books, and diversity initiatives by businesses.

Gay News Watch: Media

www.gaynewswatch.com/Page.cfm?PageID=2&STID=136

Stories from the gay press.

Lesbian Connection

www.lconline.org

Reviews, news, obituaries, travel information, and reflections- all by readers- predominate in this bimonthly print publication, which appeals particularly to older women.

Out

www.out.com

%A gay and lesbian perspective on style, entertainment, fashion, the arts, politics, culture, and the world at large.+

Sistahs on the Shelf

www.sistahsontheshelf.com

By, for, about African American lesbians: book reviews, arranged by category.



MARKETING MODELS

Durham County Library: Rainbow Reading: Gay

www.durhamcountylibrary.org/readers/bibs/gay.php

Anthologies, general fiction, mysteries, and horror.

Durham County Library: Rainbow Reading: Lesbian

www.durhamcountylibrary.org/readers/bibs/lesbian.php

Anthologies, general fiction, mysteries, fantasy and science fiction, romance, and horror.

Gerber/Hart Library: Book Discussion Groups

www.gerberhart.org/bookdisc.html

Reading group selections for lesbians and gay men.

Multnomah County Library: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Fiction

www.multcolib.org/books/lists/glfict.html

A nicely annotated selection of novels and anthologies.

Nevins Memorial Library: GLBT Book Group

www.nevinslibrary.org/glbtkbookgroup.html

The group meets monthly and reads classics of literary fiction. Scroll down for annotated lists from several libraries.

Oak Park Public Library: Transgender Resource Collection Library Toolkit

http://www.oppl.org/media/trc_toolkit.htm

Includes an exceptional self-study and core collection (costing only \$200).

Pima County Library: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender
www.library.pima.gov/community/glb/index.php

A rich page, which includes materials for adults and young people too.

Seattle Public Library: GLBT Presented with Pride
<http://tinyurl.com/m4tvsd>

A nice compilation of both literary and popular fiction.

Tompkins County Library: Gay & Lesbian Resources: Nonfiction
www.tcpl.org/reading/gaylesbian.html

Coming out, dating and relationships, health, sex, marriage and weddings, parenting, finance, law, social issues, religion, travel.



MORE RESOURCES: ENJOY & EMPLOY FOR REFERENCE

AfterEllen.com

www.afterellen.com/#

News, reviews, and commentaries on lesbian and bisexual women in entertainment and the media. The reviews and interviews in the Books section can be useful guides, as can those for movies and music; other features give viewers a sense of popular topics.

AfterElton.com

www.afterelton.com/#

A kind of *Us/People* for gay and bisexual men, with book, music, and movie reviews.

GLBTQ.com. Literature Subject Index

www.glbtq.com/subject/literature_a-b.html

An extensive array of articles on topics in culture, history, and literature, like African American gay men, bisexual literature, coming out stories, mysteries, poetry, sports literature, war literature, national and ethnic literatures, and much more. *See also the article about libraries and archives at www.glbtq.com/social-sciences/libraries_archives.html.*

Gayscape: Gay & Lesbian Search Tool

www.gayscape.com

Search geographically (e.g., New Jersey) or by topic, such as adoption, attorneys, bisexual, coming out, disabilities, ethnic groups, recovery, religion, transgender; good too for people eager to support GLBTI businesses.

LOGOonline

www.logoonline.com

See it here for free: video and television, with comedy, travel, popular shows, short and full-length movies.

Medical Library Association LGBT Special Interest Group

<http://lgbt.mlanet.org/resources.html#top>

Links to articles and organizations dedicated to LGBT health issues.

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs: Publications

www.ncavp.org/publications/NationalPubs.aspx

A source of reports on hate crimes.

OutHistory

http://outhistory.org/wiki/Main_Page

Think deeply and critically about historical evidence and what it means to understand LGBT and heterosexual life in the perspective of society and time.

San Francisco Public Library: GLBT Demographics

<http://sfpl.org/librarylocations/main/glc/glbtdemo2.htm>

Information and links, with fine information literacy tips.

San Francisco Public Library: TRANScending Identities

<http://sfpl4.sfpl.org/librarylocations/main/glc/transcending.htm#periodicals>

Bibliography of Resources on Gender Variance, Transgender and Intersex Topics: fiction, nonfiction, periodicals, movies, and websites.



PROMINENT ORGANIZATIONS:

- AntiViolence Project (NYC)
www.avp.org
- Garden State Equality
www.gardenstateequality.org
- Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County
www.gaamc.org
- Human Rights Campaign
www.hrc.org
- Jersey Pride
www.jerseypride.org
- Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund
www.lambdalegal.org
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center (NYC)
www.gaycenter.org
Library catalog at www.gaycenter.org/community/library/catalog
- Lesbian Herstory Archives (NYC)
www.lesbianherstoryarchives.org
- National Center for Transgender Equality
<http://transequality.org>
- National Gay & Lesbian Task Force
www.thetaskforce.org

- NJ Gay Life
www.njgaylife.com
- NJ Gay Men's Chorus
www.njgmc.org
- NJ LGBT Coalition
www.njlgbt.org
- NJLA LGBTI Roundtable
<http://njla.pbworks.com/LGBTI>
- New Jersey's Lesbian & Gay Havurah
www.njhav.org
- Pride Center of New Jersey (New Brunswick)
www.avp.org
- Rainbow Families of NJ
www.rainbowfamiliesnj.org
- Truth Wins Out
www.truthwinsout.org
- William Way Community Center (Philadelphia)
www.waygay.org
- Williams Institute (Sexual Orientation Law)
www.law.ucla.edu/williamsinstitute/home.html

For many more listings, please see Alan Fritz's
National and International Gay and Lesbian Organizations and Publications
 at <http://faculty.washington.edu/alvin/gayorg.htm>



GENERAL INTEREST:

Men:

- www.365gay.com
- www.gay.com
- www.planetout.com
- www.towleroad.com

Women:

- www.lesbian.org
- www.lesbianation.com
- www.nclrights.org
- <http://shoe.org>

Transgender:

- <http://iamtransgendered.com>
- <http://www.jotto.info>
- www.transgenderlegal.com
- <http://transfm.org>

Intersex:

- www.isna.org
- www.bodieslikeours.org
- www.gpac.org
- www.umass.edu/stonewall/uploads/listWidget/8970/intersex%20resources.pdf

FOR LIBRARIANS:

Gough, C., & Greenblatt, E. (1990). *Gay and lesbian library service*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

A core collection (print, film, and music) as well as discussion of young adult materials, discrimination issues, and other topics. Although somewhat dated, this classic volume contains ideas that remain on the cutting edge of library service. Look for an updated edition, coming out soon.

Kester, N.G. (1997). *Liberating minds: the stories and professional lives of gay, lesbian, and bisexual librarians and their advocates*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

Some of the issues addressed are the need to uphold intellectual freedom, challenging the censorship of gay materials in libraries, AIDS material in the library, the information needs of gay and lesbian patrons, collection development, and confronting homophobia.

One Community, New Jersey: Diversity in Libraries Conference Resources. www.infolink.org/diversity/dresources.htm

Staffing, organizational climate, services, and collections: print and nonprint references complementing the 2004 conference.

Van Buskirk, Jim. *Gay and Lesbian Studies: Out of the Closet?* *Library Journal*, April 1, 2005. www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA512184.html

Significant reference books are listed here.

Discussion lists:

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GAY-LIBN@usc.edu
LEZBRIAN@yahoogroups.com

Blogs:

- ADL Books Daily Gay Reader
<http://gaybookguide.blogspot.com>
- Gay & Lesbian Review Blog
<http://blog.gltreview.com>
- Gay/Lesbian News
<http://www.topix.com/news/gay>
- I'm Here, I'm Queer. What the Hell Do I Read?
www.leewind.org/2008/12/on-politics-equality-and-same-gender.html

Bookmarks:

Library Q&A Bookmarks on Delicious
<http://delicious.com/libraryq>

That's not all, folks, but we hope it helps!

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