

2016 ALSC National Institute and HB2

ALA/ALSC Stand on Inclusion

ALA President, ALSC President, and GLBTRT Chair Urge North Carolina Governor to Repeal HB2

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Advocacy & Information

ALA GLBTRT

ALA Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table

<http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/glbtrt>

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender (GLBT) Round Table of the American Library Association is committed to serving the information needs of the GLBT professional library community, and the GLBT information and access needs of individuals at large. We are committed to encouraging and supporting the free and necessary access to all information, as reflected by the missions of the American Library Association. A listing of Professional Tools can be found here: <http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/tools#toolkit>

GLBTRT Toolkit

<http://www.ala.org/glbtrt/sites/ala.org.glbtrt/files/content/professionalttools/160309-glbtrt-open-to-all-toolkit-online.pdf>

This Toolkit is designed to help library staff better understand gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) library users, how to best serve their needs, and how to manage challenges that often arise.

North Carolina LGBTQ Advocacy Organizations

Equality NC

www.equalitync.org

Equality NC is dedicated to securing equal rights and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) North Carolinians. Equality NC has collected state and national LGBT contact information on their website, including advocacy/political groups, business & professional organizations, colleges and university groups, community centers & services, culture & arts, legal, PFLAG, Pride, schools, transgender, youth: www.equalitync.org/what/resources/lgbt_organizations/nc/

PFLAG of North Carolina

<http://pflag-chapter-map.herokuapp.com>

By meeting people where they are and collaborating with others, PFLAG realizes its vision through:

- Support for families, allies and people who are LGBTQ

- Education for ourselves and others about the unique issues and challenges facing people who are LGBTQ
- Advocacy in our communities to change attitudes and create policies and laws that achieve full equality for people who are LGBTQ

NC Transgender Unity

www.nctgunity.org

The North Carolina Transgender Unity Website provides information and resources for transgender people, significant others, and friends of transgender people. It includes all transgender support groups, political organizations, and other GLBT organizations in North Carolina. It tries to bring transgender people together as a community.

qnotes

www.gognotes.com

Qnotes is the LGBT arts, entertainment and news publication based in Charlotte, NC. It is the largest and most trusted source of news, politics, opinion, entertainment, art, lifestyle, community events and more for LGBT North Carolinians and South Carolinians.

Donate Time and Money

ACLU of North Carolina

<http://www.acluofnorthcarolina.org/blog/Categories/Listings/lgbt-rights.html>

Our mission is to preserve and defend the guarantees of individual liberty found in the North Carolina Constitution and the US Constitution, with particular emphasis on freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of religion, equal protection under law for all people, the right to privacy, the right to due process of law, and the right to be free from unreasonable search and seizure. This website includes links to issues, ways to take action, and online donations.

Human Rights Campaign (HRC), North Carolina Link

<http://www.hrc.org/local-issues/north-carolina>

The Human Rights Campaign represents a force of more than 1.5 million members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community. HRC's North Carolina link includes links for support, donations, and news.

National Center for Transgender Equality / North Carolina Action Center

<http://www.transequality.org/ncaction>

NCTE was founded in 2003 by transgender activists who recognized the urgent need for policy change to advance transgender equality. With a committed board of directors, a volunteer staff of one, and donated office space, we set out to accomplish what no one had yet done: provide a powerful transgender advocacy presence in Washington, D.C. Today, NCTE has grown to a staff of ten and works at the local, state, and federal level to change laws, policies and society.

What You Can Do (National):

- [Sign this petition](#) telling North Carolina legislators to repeal this law when their regular session starts April 25.
- [Read our open letter to the trans community](#) about the anti-trans law.
- Storm social media with the hashtags #WeAreNotThis and #KeepNCFair.

- [Contact Gov. McCrory](#) Let him know that the rest of the nation is watching, and that we won't stand for mandatory government discrimination in North Carolina.
- [Donate to NCTE](#) so that we can keep fighting harder and harder for the trans community.

Turnout NC

<http://turnoutnc.org/>

A project of Equality North Carolina, this site gives information about HB2 and includes organizations who oppose HB2. Make donations and contact for legislative leaders on this website: <http://turnoutnc.org/take-action/>

Transgender Literature for Children & Teens

Picture Books

Hall, Michael. *Red: A Crayon's Story*. 2015. 40p. Greenwillow, \$18.89 (9780062252098). 3-7 yrs.

The label reads "Red." However, all of Red's strawberries and hearts come out blue. Friends and family try to fix Red until new buddy Berry helps this crayon discover his true color.

Herthel, Jessica & Jennings, Jazz. *I am Jazz*. 2014. 32p. Dial. \$17.99 (9780803741072) 3-7 yrs.

From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. This confused her family until they took her to a doctor who explained that Jazz was transgender and that she was born that way. Jazz's story is based on her real-life experiences and is told in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers.

Kilodavis, Cheryl. *My Princess Boy*. illustrated by Suzanne Desimone. 2010. 28p. Simon & Schuster, \$17.99 (9781442429888). Gr. K-3.

A four-year-old boy loves dressing up in princess clothing. "A nonfiction picture book about acceptance ... to give children and adults a tool to talk about unconditional friendship"--Dust jacket.

Juvenile Fiction

Clark, Kristin. *Freakboy*. 2013. 435p. Farrar Straus Giroux, \$18.99 (9780374324728). Gr. 7-12.

Told from three viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Brendan, a wrestler, struggles to come to terms with his place on the transgender spectrum while Vanessa, the girl he loves, and Angel, a transgender acquaintance, try to help.

Gino, Alex. *George*. 2015. 195p. Scholastic, \$16.99 (9780545812542). Gr 3-7.

When people look at George, they see a boy. But she knows she's a girl. With the help of her best friend, George comes up with a plan, not just so she can be Charlotte in her school play

but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all. Stonewall Book Awards—Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Award Book.

Merey, Ilike. *A + e 4ever: a Graphic Novel*. 2011. 214p. Lethe Press, \$18.00 (9781590213902). Gr. 9-12.

Asher Machnik is a teenage boy cursed with a beautiful androgynous face. Guys punch him, girls slag him and by high school he's developed an intense fear of being touched. Art remains his only escape from an otherwise emotionally empty life. Eulalie Mason is the lonely, tough-talking dyke from school who befriends Ash. The only one to see and accept all of his sides as a loner, a fellow artist and a best friend, she's starting to wonder if Ash is ever going to see all of her in this graphic novel set in that ambiguous crossroads where love and friendship, boy and girl, straight and gay meet..

Polonsky, Ami. *Gracefully Grayson*. 2014. 243p. Hyperion, \$16.99 (9781423185277). Gr. 4-7.

Twelve-year-old Grayson, through a school play, finds the courage to reveal a deep truth: in spite of being seen as a boy, she knows for a fact that she's a girl.

Juvenile Nonfiction

Andrews, Arin. *Some Assembly Required: the Not-So-Secret Life of a Transgender Teen*. 2014. 248p. Simon & Schuster \$17.99 (9781481416757). Gr. 8-12.

Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this winning teen memoir.

Brugman, Alyssa. *Alex As Well*. 2015. 224p. Henry Holt, \$16.99 (9781627790147). Gr 9-12.

Fourteen-years-old and intersex, Alex was raised by her parents as a boy, but she knows she is a girl. Taking her identity into her own hands, she stops her testosterone pills and starts over at a new school. This presents a whole new set of challenges, from facing down disapproving parents to navigating her legal rights.

Cronn-Mills, Kristin. *Transgender Lives: Complex Stories, Complex Voices*. 2014. Twenty First Century Books. \$34.65 (9780761390220). Gr. 7-9.

Offers a look into the lives of transgender people and how they came to better understand, accept, and express their gender identities.

Kuklin, Susan. *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out*. 2014. 182p. Candlewick Press, \$12.99 (9780763656119). Gr. 7-12.

Author and photographer Susan Kuklin interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults, writing about them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.

Pohlen, Jerome. *Gay & Lesbian History for Kids: The Century-Long Struggle for LGBT Rights, with 21 Activities*. 2015. 192p. Chicago Review, \$17.95 (9781613730829). Gr. 4-9.

From ancient China to the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision on marriage equality, this narrative history reference gives context to the challenges and achievements of both queer individuals and the broader quest for civil rights.

Silverberg, Cory. *Sex is a Funny Word: A Book about Bodies, Feelings, and YOU*. Written by Cory Silverberg; illus. by Fiona Smyth. 2015. 159p. Seven Stories, \$23.95 (9781609806064). Gr. 3-6.

For children with questions about bodies, gender, touch, sex, and love, this all-inclusive book guides the conversation between children and trusted adults in an accessible graphic format. Gentle, intelligent humor brings home the message of respect, trust, joy, and justice for everyone's body. Stonewall Book Awards–Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's & Young Adult Award Honor Book.

Testa, Rylan Jay. *The Gender Quest Workbook: a Guide for Teens & Young Adults Exploring Gender Identity*. 2015. 169p. Instant Help Books. \$16.95 (9781626252974). Gr. 7 and up.

This one-of-a-kind, comprehensive workbook will help you navigate your gender identity and expression at home, in school, and with peers.

Sources for Recommended and Award-Winning LGBTQ Materials

The Rainbow Book List

<http://qlbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>

The Rainbow Book List is created by the Rainbow Book List Committee of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Round Table of the American Library Association. It presents an annual bibliography of quality books with significant and authentic GLBTQ content, which are recommended for people from birth through eighteen years of age.

Silverrod, Nancy. *Soldier Girls and Dancing Boys: Gender Exploration in Resources for Children, Teens, and Caring Adults*. San Francisco Public Library. 2014.

http://www.ala.org/qlbtrt/sites/ala.org/qlbtrt/files/content/professionaltools/Soldier_Girls_and_Dancing_Boys_April2014.pdf

Each of the titles on this annotated bibliography not only mirrors a child's experience of gender-variance, but also that of a worried parent, who in some way or another is able to become more accepting.

The Stonewall Book Awards List

<http://www.ala.org/qlbtrt/award/honored>

The Stonewall Book Award-Mike Morgan and Larry Romans Children's and Young Adult Literature Award and Honor Books (formerly the Children's and Young Adult Literature Award and Honor Books) have been given annually since 2010.