

SCHOOL LIBRARIES' LGBT OUTREACH TO COUNTERACT BULLYING

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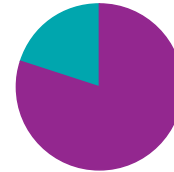
2.5 MILLION LGBT TEENAGERS IN THE UNITED STATES



3-10%

3-10% of the student population identify as LGBT.

In 2011, **80%** of LGBT teens reported verbal harassment



ELIMINATING LGBT BULLYING IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE



LGBT students suffer bullying at a significantly higher rate than their non-LGBT counterparts.

LGBT STUDENTS ARE

2.24 TIMES MORE

LIKELY TO BE TEASED OR BULLIED.

6 ROLES THAT SCHOOL LIBRARIES CAN PLAY IN SERVING LGBT STUDENTS:

CREATE A SAFE ZONE FOR EVERYONE

Make the school library an unambiguous safe zone for everyone.



MAKE CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS

Develop meaningful relationships with students, especially those likely to be bullied.



CONDUCT BIBLIOTHERAPY

Offer library materials to therapeutically assist with LGBT issues.



COLLABORATE WITH TEACHERS & COUNSELORS

Work with others to create a safer atmosphere.



MAKE ANTI-BULLYING LITERATURE AVAILABLE

Collect anti-bullying books, movies, and other media to help students, counselors, and teachers.



CREATE A BULLY-FREE ZONE

Be explicit about banning all bullying and teasing in the library.



Summary of results from the following research: Oltmann, S.M. (2016). 'They kind of rely on the library': School librarians serving LGBT students. *Journal of Research on Libraries and Young Adults*, 7.

Available at: http://www.yalsa.ala.org/jrlya/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Oltmann_They-Kind-of-Rely-on-the-Library.pdf.