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# Allied

— Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth  
in the Library —

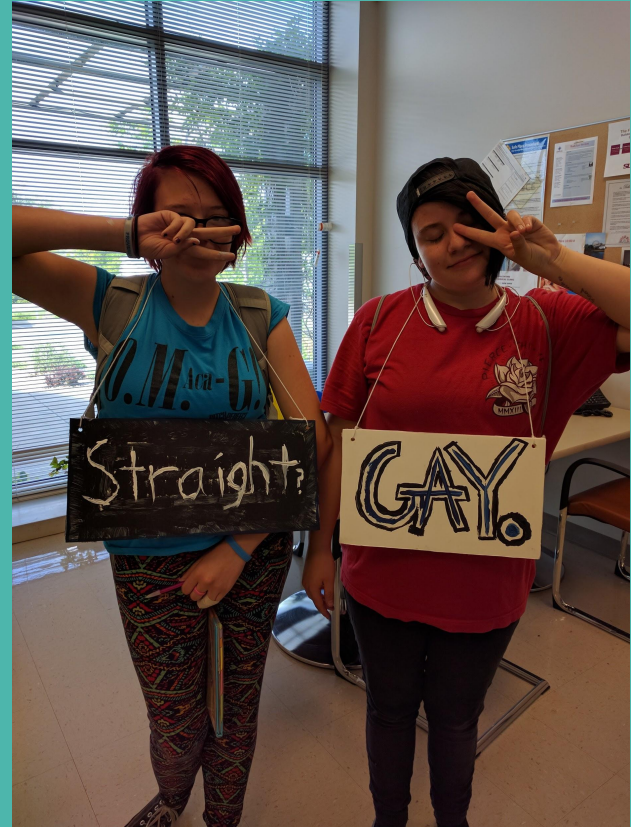
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# LGBTQ+ Youth in Utah

Highly rejected youth were:

- 8x as likely to attempt suicide
- 6x as likely to report high levels of depression
- 3x as likely to use illegal drugs
- 3x as likely to be at high risk for HIV and STIs



# Utah School Climate Survey

LGBTQ youth were more likely than their straight, cisgender peers to report:

- Experiencing frequent verbal harassment
- Missing school due to feeling unsafe
- Feeling unsafe in school more frequently
- Considering suicide



# Allies

## The Do's and Don'ts of Support



# Allies...

- Quiet your voice and listen better
- Do your own research
- Accept criticism and work to better yourself
- Recognize your privilege
- Use your privilege to lift others up
- Don't expect praise or recognition for being an ally

# Allied at the Library

Supporting Youth  
in the Library



# Make the library welcoming to all!

- Remind staff that the library is for everybody
- First impressions matter
- Use gender neutral language
- Always ask for preferred name and pronoun
- Review your forms, policies, and procedures
- Put privacy and safety first
- Learn the lingo
- Don't police patrons' prejudices
- Ask for help!



# Normalizing vs. Celebrating

## Normalizing LGBT+ Culture:

- Include LGBT+ Books in Storytimes and Bookclubs
- Alter Pronouns When Reading Aloud
- Add LGBT+ Literature to Displays
- Bring LGBT+-Interest Booklists to Outreach
- Add LGBT-Specific Info to Existing Pamphlets, Booklists, Resource Sheets, etc...

## Celebrating LGBT+ Culture:

- Rainbow Storytime or Rainbow Bookclub
- GSA or PFLAG Group
- Teen Drag Night
- Trans Job Fair
- Pride Month Displays
- LGBT-Interest Pamphlets, Booklists, Resource Sheets, etc...



#Pride  
 #LovesLove  
 #LoveWins  
 #HateFreeZone

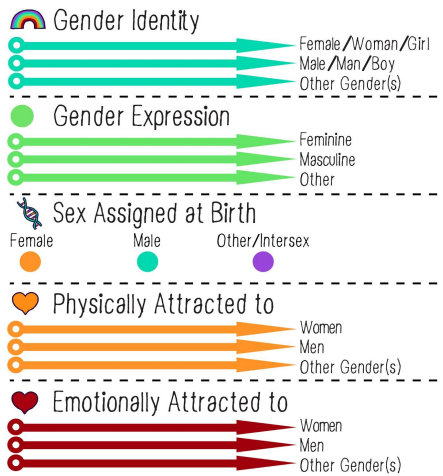
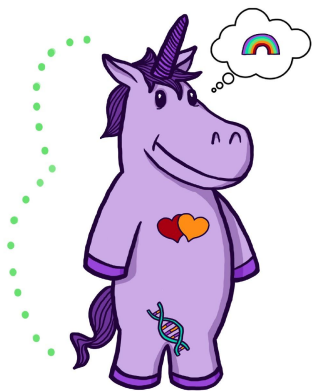


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# The Gender Unicorn

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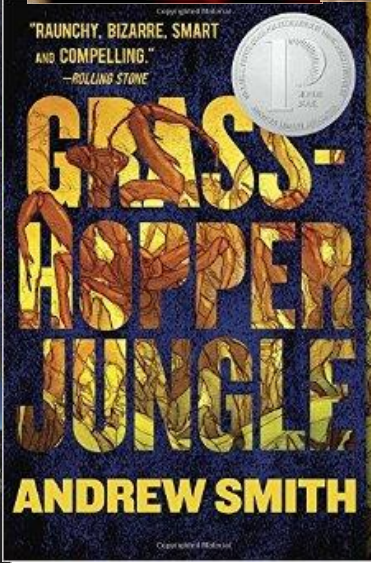
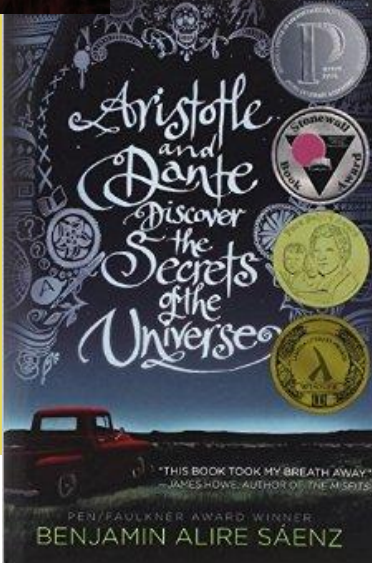
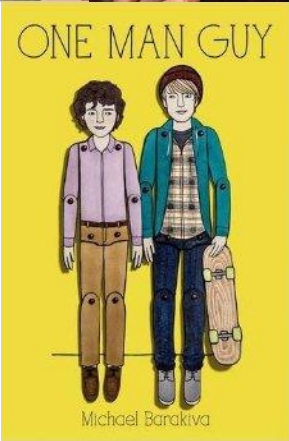
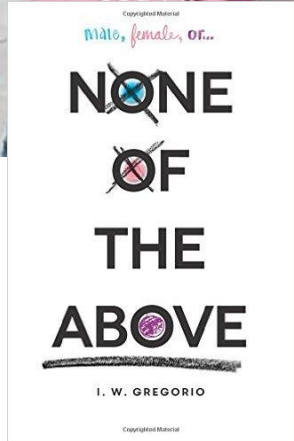
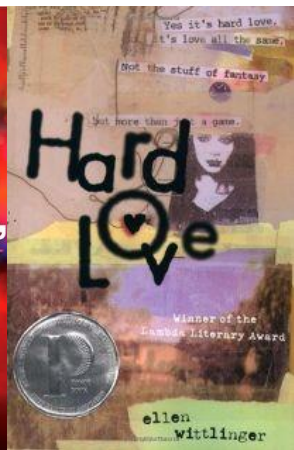
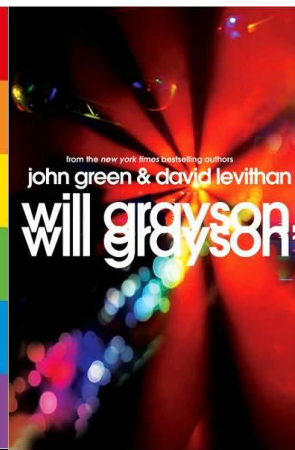
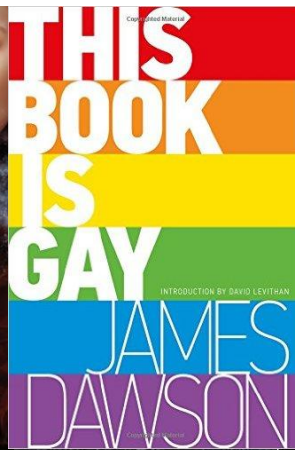
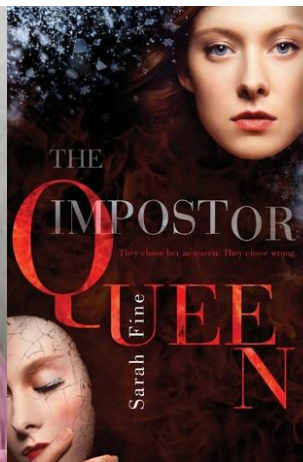


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To learn more, go to:  
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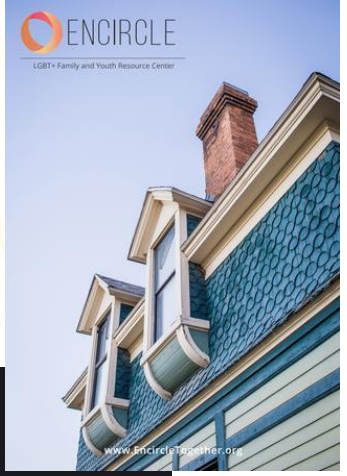
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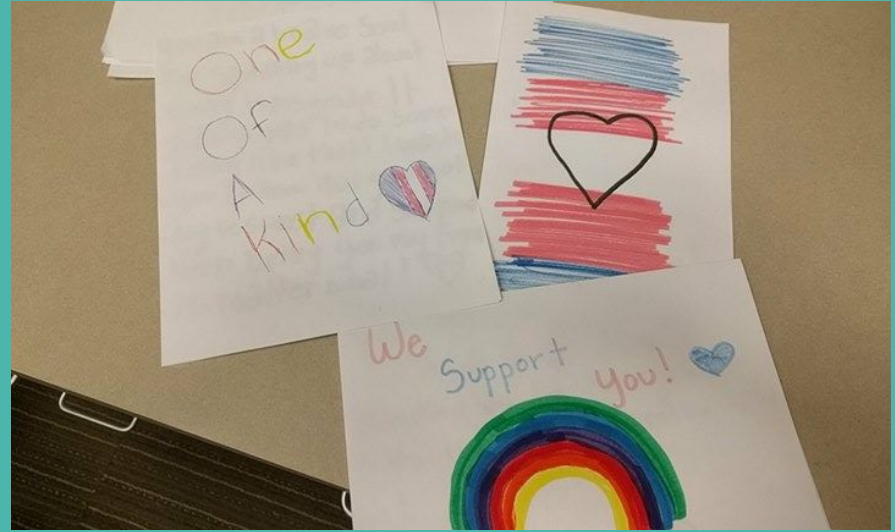
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# Gender and Sexuality Alliances

Support Groups and Clubs



# Keeping in mind for GSA's

## Roles within the GSA

- Libraries
- Member Patrons
- Librarians
- Non-member Patrons

# So, You May Be Wondering...

- Where do I start?
- What do I do?
- What are examples of other libraries starting this?

# Questions?

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# Additional Resources

