

## **Pride Month 2021 Resource List**

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month (LGBTQ+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer or Questioning and others)! Pride Month is celebrated annually to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, which began on June 28, 1969. After police raided the Stonewall Inn - a club serving transgender and gay patrons in Greenwich Village in lower Manhattan - patrons and neighborhood residents fought back in a protest that fueled the emerging gay rights movement nationwide. (Want to learn more about the history of this event? See here: <https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/the-stonewall-riots>)

Studies suggest that approximately 8% of adolescents identify as LGBTQ+. Research by the National Center for Sexuality demonstrates that people first begin to recognize their gender and sexual identity around age ten. We also know based on various studies that LGBTQ+ youth are six times more likely to experience depression and four times more likely to self harm than their heteronormative cisgender peers.

In order to build a supportive community for these students, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) is a student run group at Booker T that provides opportunities for LGBTQ+ students and their allies to meet and organize. Parents and students interested in learning more about the GSA can contact Mr. Chilelli at [chilelli@ms54.org](mailto:chilelli@ms54.org) or can reach out to the Equity Team.

Below, we are forwarding some resources for you and your family to learn more about the LGBTQ+ experience, and ways that you can help celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and support efforts to combat bias and hate at both the local and national level. The resources below also include resources for LGBTQ+ students and their families, including those who identify with multiple communities, such as both Asian and LGBTQ+ (see links from the Human Rights Campaign below).

We hope you find these resources helpful!

### **LGBTQ+ Books:**

***Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*** by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

***Everything Leads to You*** by Nina LaCour

***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda*** by Becky Albertalli

***Labyrinth Lost*** by Zoraida Cordova

***If I Was Your Girl*** by Meredith Russo

***All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages*** edited by Sandra Mitchell

***The Henna Wars*** by Adiba Jaigirdar

***Symptoms of Being Human*** by Jeff Garvin

***The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue*** by Mackenzi Lee

***Boy Meets Boy*** by David Levithan

***Will Grayson, Will Grayson*** by John Green & David Levithan

***The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives***

by Dashka Slater

**Resources:**

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People**

<http://www.pflagnyc.org/>

**History of Pride Month**

<https://nationaltoday.com/pride-month/>

**Facing History & Ourselves**

Why I No Longer Hide My Rainbow

<https://facingtoday.facinghistory.org/celebrating-lgbt-pride-why-i-no-longer-hide-my-rainbow>

**Human Rights Campaign**

Vote Equal / Vote Safe Campaign

[www.hrc.org/blog/human-rights-campaign-launches-vote-equal-vote-safe-initiative](http://www.hrc.org/blog/human-rights-campaign-launches-vote-equal-vote-safe-initiative)

Being Asian/Pacific Islander & LGBTQ

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-asian-pacific-islander-lgbtq-an-introduction>

Being Latinx & LGBTQ: An Introduction

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-latino-a-lgbtq-an-introduction>

Being African American & LGBTQ: An Introduction

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/being-african-american-lgbtq-an-introduction>

**LGBTQ Pride Month & Resources**

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources>

**Significance of Stonewall Riots**

<https://www.history.com/topics/gay-rights/the-stonewall-riots>

**This is What LGBT Life is Like Around the World**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivfJH9y1U>