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Three translucent butterflies in pink, orange, and blue are layered over the text "LEADERS OF THE FUTURE". The pink butterfly is at the top, the orange one in the middle, and the blue one at the bottom. The background is a dark space with white stars.

PRIDE WEEK OF ACTION TOOLKIT



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OUR STORIES

OUR VOICES

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Dear Educators, Staff, and School Leaders,

As we near the close of another school year, we are proud to celebrate a historic first: Milwaukee Public Schools' inaugural Pride Week of Action. This moment marks more than just a celebration — it's a declaration of our values and a commitment to making our schools safer, more inclusive, and more affirming for every student, staff member, and family we serve.

This year, our theme is Visibility. We know that visibility saves lives. It nurtures confidence, affirms identity, and builds belonging. When students see themselves reflected in their classrooms, their curriculum, and their communities, they thrive.

To support this work, our department has developed the **P.U.L.S.E. Pride Week of Action Toolkit and Curriculum**, a resource grounded in Pride, Unity, Love, Support, and Expression. This toolkit offers age-appropriate lessons, creative projects, and visibility-building activities that center LGBTQ+ history, student voice, and the stories too often left out of traditional education.

Our guiding question throughout this work has been:

"Who gets remembered in history, who gets erased, and how does that impact how we see ourselves and others today?"

We invite you to explore that question alongside your students — and to help them imagine more expansive, inclusive futures.

Pride is rooted in resistance and resilience. It is a legacy of courage, joy, and community. As we celebrate, we also honor those who came before — especially queer and trans elders who fought to make spaces like ours possible. And we uplift the next generation, our students, whose voices, identities, and dreams deserve to be cherished and celebrated.

To our queer and trans educators: your presence is powerful. Your visibility is transformative. Thank you for being the representation you may not have had, and for helping light the way forward for those coming after.

To our educators: thank you for showing up every day, for seeing and affirming our students, and for modeling the kind of love and allyship that makes schools feel like home.

Let's end this academic year with pride — and with purpose.

In solidarity and celebration,

**Department of Gender & Identity Inclusion
Milwaukee Public Schools**



THE TOOLKIT

MEDIA & LITERACY RESOURCE LIST

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A comprehensive list of books, shows, films, and digital content with LGBTQ+ representation across age ranges.



Resources & Tools for Parents/Facilitators:



1. **Queer Rainbow Children's Books:** <https://booksforlittles.com/bipoc-2slgbtq/>
2. **Kinfolk App:** https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ar.shakers.monuments&hl=en_US&pli=1
3. **Imi Website:** <https://imi.guide>

HOW TO USE THIS TOOLKIT

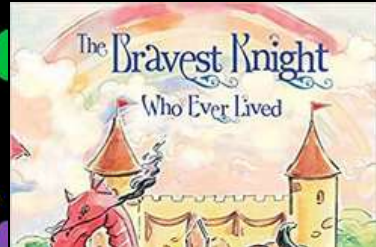
This toolkit is designed to help educators, facilitators, and youth advocates engage students in meaningful conversations about identity, visibility, and belonging, especially through the lens of LGBTQ+ history, culture, and representation. Grounded in the guiding question, “Who gets remembered in history, who gets erased, and how does that impact how we see ourselves and others today?”, this resource invites learners to critically examine the stories we tell and the ones still waiting to be told.

Each section includes adaptable lessons, media recommendations, and creative activities that can be used in classrooms, GSAs, advisory, or family engagement spaces. Whether you use one piece or the full set, the goal is to affirm all identities and empower young people to reflect, create, and connect.

Navigation Note:

Throughout the toolkit, you'll notice gold stars (★) next to certain images or phrases. These stars indicate hyperlinked content—click them to access videos, digital galleries, additional readings, or editable templates.

We encourage you to explore with curiosity, adapt with care, and share with pride.



Large fears

Written By Myles E. Johnson; Illustrated By Kendick Daye

My Princess Boy follows the story of a son who expresses himself through wearing dresses and tiaras, while his mother navigates more ways on how to support him.

Written By Cheryl Kilodavis; Illustrated By Suzanne DeSimone



10,000 Dresses (Book)

Written By Marcus Ewert; Illustrated By Rex Ray

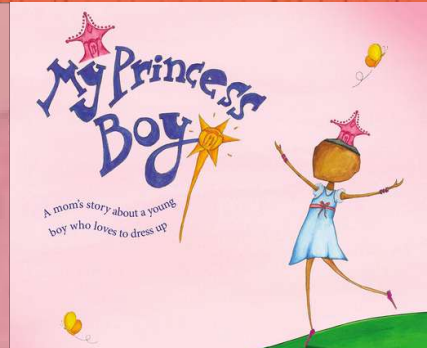
10,000 Dresses follows the story of a young transgender girl named Bailey, who dreams of wearing extravagant dresses. While her parents are not as accepting or understanding of how to support her, she soon finds a friend who does, and her life is forever changed.



My Princess Boy (Book)

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47,000 Beads (Book)

Written By Koja & Angel Adeyoha; Illustrated By Holly McGillis

Peyton loves to dance, and especially at pow wow, but her Auntie notices that she's been dancing less and less. When Peyton shares that she just can't be comfortable wearing a dress anymore, Auntie Eyota asks some friends for help to get Peyton what she needs.

