

RESOURCES

LITERATURE AND MEDIA FOR YOUNG ADULTS

CHECK LOCAL LIBRARIES OR LIBBY TO VIEW THESE FILMS AS WELL!

Theory of Indivisibility for Black Queer Youth: ★ Joselyn Parker (Video)

- (https://youtu.be/NK768uo_0Pw?si=5PTCM6TrjluRxbvy)

Generation Change | A Safe Haven for Queer Black ★ Young People (Video)

- (<https://youtu.be/VHnaxupy-ik?si=EAUZ4PyfEQgrULUd>)

Rustin (Film): Directed By George C. Wolfe ★

- (<https://www.netflix.com/title/81111528>)

Paris Is Burning (Film): Directed By Jennie Livingston

Naz & Maalik (Film): Directed by Jay Dockendorf

Felix Ever After (Book):

Written by Kacen Callender

A Black trans teen navigates love, revenge, and self-discovery at a competitive arts school.

You Should See Me in a Crown (Book):

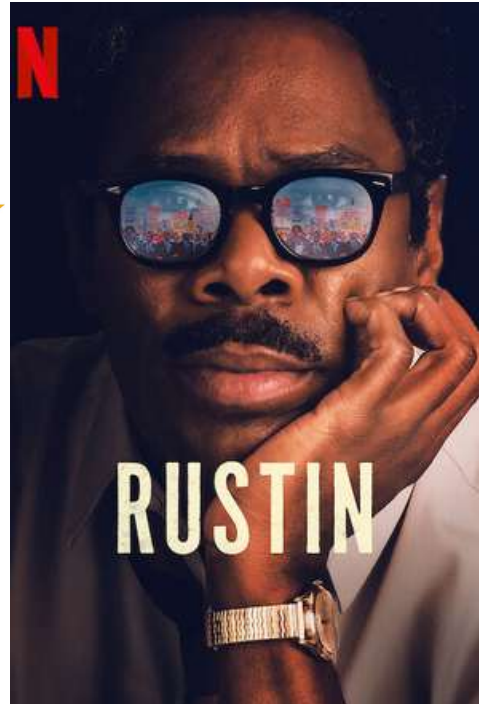
Written by Leah Johnson

A queer Black teen runs for prom queen to win a scholarship—and unexpectedly falls in love.

Pet (Book):

Written by Akwaeke Emezi

A trans girl in a utopian society discovers that monsters still exist—and must confront one.



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Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (Book):

Written by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

A poetic story about friendship and queer love between two Mexican-American teens.

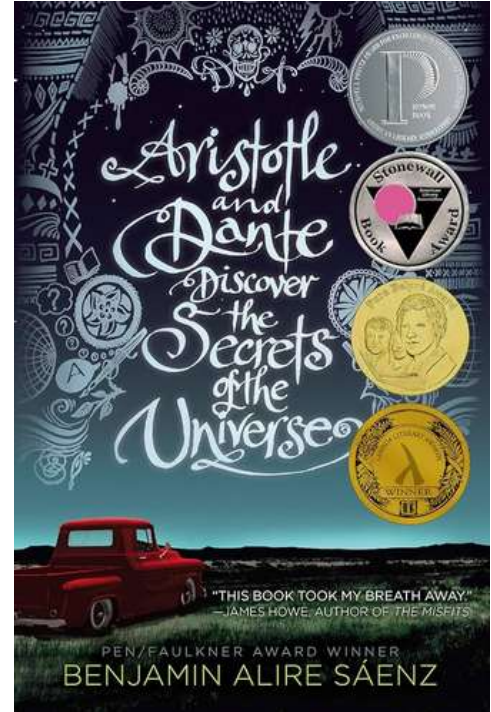
This Is Our Rainbow (Book):

Edited by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby

A middle grade anthology featuring 16 LGBTQ+ stories across identities, cultures, and genres.

All Boys Aren't Blue (Book): Written By George M. Johnson

Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe (Graphic Memoir)



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & ENGAGEMENT:

LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE (2025): LGBTQ+ CAMP FOR STUDENT ACTIVISM & LEADERSHIP

- **Application Link:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyvO-1SFUI6eyAJq-FPbpBRNJk46mc4Tc5IW2wIQx_3DsQ3w/viewform

LOCAL LGBTQ+ / ORGS



Diverse & Resilient



RESOURCES

QUEER EDUCATORS/ADULT-FACING CONTENT

Boys Don't Cry (Film): Directed By Kimberly Pierce

Pariah (Film): Directed By Dee Rees

To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything Julie Newmar (Film): Directed By Beeban Kidron

Moonlight (Film): Directed by Barry Jenkins

Holiday Heart (Film): Directed By Robert Townsend

The Watermelon Woman (Film): Directed By Cheryl Dunye

Transhood (Film): Directed By Sharon Liese

The Skinny (Film): Directed By Patrik-Ian-Polk

Noah's Arc (Show): Created By Patrik-Ian-Polk

The L Word (Show): - Next Generation: Ilene Cheiken

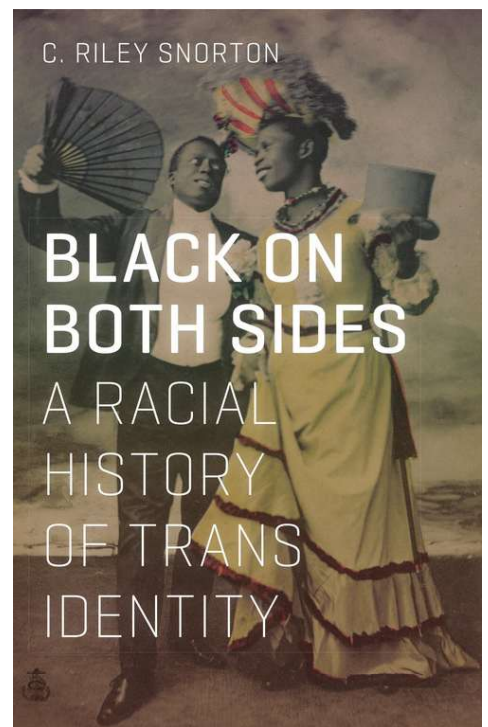
The Half of It (Film) - Alice Wu

Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity (Book): *Written By C. Riley Snorton*

House of History MKE interviews of Black LGBTQ+ Milwaukeeans (Digital Archive) ★

The Prophets (Book): *Written by Robert Jones Jr.*

A lyrical and deeply moving novel about the forbidden love between two enslaved young men, Isaiah and Samuel, on a Mississippi plantation. The Prophets reimagines biblical storytelling to center Black queer love as sacred, defiant, and enduring. It explores themes of faith, resistance, generational trauma, and the radical power of tenderness.





WHO'S MISSING??

PURPOSE

Help students examine who is represented—and who's not—in curriculum, media, and classroom culture. Build critical thinking and inclusivity through observation and creative action.

STEP 1: REPRESENTATION AUDIT

Use this guiding prompt or template:

- Who do I see in our books, posters, and lessons?
- Who is missing—and why might that be

Reflection Prompt:

"When I look around my school/classroom, I notice that _____ is missing.
This matters because _____."

STEP 2: ADD-IN ACTIVITIES

Rewrite the Narrative: Students research and write a short spotlight on a figure, event, or story left out of a lesson.

Invisible No More: Create posters that celebrate missing voices (e.g., Queer Black scientists, Indigenous LGBTQ+ leaders).



PRIDE MONTH VISIBILITY CAMPAIGN IDEAS

SUPPORT GSA-LED AND SCHOOL-WIDE PROGRAMMING WITH EASE
THIS TOOLKIT IS DESIGNED TO HELP MAKE LGBTQ+ STUDENTS MORE VISIBLE, VALUED, AND CELEBRATED ACROSS YOUR SCHOOL.

MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **"TODAY'S PRIDE MOMENT":** "DID YOU KNOW MARSHA P. JOHNSON, A BLACK TRANS WOMAN, WAS A KEY LEADER AT STONEWALL?"
- **AFFIRMATION OF THE DAY:** "YOU ARE VALID. YOU ARE LOVED. YOU BELONG HERE."

POSTERS & DISPLAYS

USE PHRASES LIKE:

- "WE SEE YOU. WE CELEBRATE YOU."
- "LGBTQ+ HISTORY = AMERICAN HISTORY"
- "PRIDE IS POWER" (INCLUDE FLAGS, STUDENT ART, OR QR CODES TO BOOKLISTS/RESOURCES.)

BULLETIN BOARD IDEAS

- LGBTQ+ TIMELINE OF MILESTONES
- "MEET THE TRAILBLAZERS" BIOS
- STAFF AND STUDENT QUOTES: "WHAT VISIBILITY MEANS TO ME"

SOCIAL MEDIA IDEAS

- STUDENT AND STAFF PRIDE SHOUTOUTS
- "WHAT MAKES YOU PROUD?" SELFIE PROMPTS
- ALLYSHIP CHALLENGES (E.G., "WEAR YOUR PRONOUN PIN TODAY!")

CAMPAIGN CHECKLIST

- MORNING ANNOUNCEMENT SCRIPTS SHARED
- VISIBILITY POSTERS POSTED
- INCLUSIVE VISUALS IN COMMON AREAS
- STAFF WEARING PRONOUN OR ALLY PINS
- GSA OR LGBTQ+ STUDENT GROUP FEATURED



TRANS & NONBINARY STUDENT AFFIRMATION GUIDE

A QUICK-REFERENCE FOR EDUCATORS AND SCHOOL STAFF

WHY IT MATTERS:

AFFIRMING A STUDENT'S GENDER IDENTITY SUPPORTS MENTAL HEALTH, ACADEMIC SUCCESS, AND A GREATER SENSE OF BELONGING. EVERY STUDENT DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE AND SEEN AT SCHOOL.

BEST PRACTICES:

USE NAMES AND PRONOUNS CONSISTENTLY

- USE THE STUDENT'S AFFIRMED NAME AND PRONOUNS, EVEN IF DIFFERENT FROM THE ROSTER.
- MODEL INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE: "HI, I'M MX. TAYLOR, I USE THEY/THEM."

NORMALIZE CORRECTIONS WITHOUT SHAME

- IF YOU MISGENDER SOMEONE, CORRECT IT AND MOVE ON: "SORRY, THEY WERE RIGHT ABOUT THAT."

AVOID OUTING STUDENTS

- NEVER SHARE A STUDENT'S GENDER IDENTITY OR PRONOUNS WITHOUT THEIR EXPLICIT PERMISSION.

MYTHS VS. FACTS	
MYTH	FACT
"They're too young to know."	Many students understand their gender identity at a young age. Support makes a difference.
"It's just a phase."	Even if identities evolve, affirmation reduces harm and fosters growth.
"It's not my job."	Creating an inclusive environment is part of every educator's role.

Inclusive Environment Checklist:

- Gender-inclusive bathrooms are clearly marked
- Seating charts reflect affirmed names
- Classrooms include trans and nonbinary representation in books and visuals
- Dress codes are enforced without gendered expectations
- Pronouns are respected like any other personal identifier

PRIDE

UNITY

LOVE

SUPPORT

EXPRESSION

LEADERS

OF THE

FUTURE

PRIDE WEEK OF ACTION TOOLKIT