



Count Me In conference makes its Winnipeg debut! Registration ends December 31st

Find out more from the Manitoba Teachers Society <http://www.mbteach.org/news/news.html#count>

Information for starting a GSA in your school

Book: Gay-straight alliances : a handbook for students, educators, and parents / Ian K. Macgillivray.

What is a gay-straight alliance? -- For students : starting a GSA in your school -- For teachers and counselors : how to work with GSAs -- For principals and superintendents : GSAs and the law -- For school boards : understanding the opposition and working with parents -- For parents : supporting your child -- Conclusion: In support of equality and inclusion -- Appendix A: Resources on sexual orientation and gender identity development -- Appendix B: Resources on LGBT issues and schools -- Appendix C: 1984 Federal Equal Access Act.

Website: Ten steps to starting a GSA

<http://www.gsanetwork.org/resources/building-your-gsa/10-steps-starting-gsa>

News from the Province of Manitoba

<http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=2013-5-01&item=17380>

Find out more @ <http://www.mygsa.ca/why-have-gsa/why-have-gsa>



Safe Schools

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Ben Zaidman Education Centre

Pathfinder

About Pathfinders

This pathfinder is a guide to materials available in the Seven Oaks School Division Resource Centre (BZERC) and information and resources from libraries and websites. Included are notes on how to find information in other libraries. To borrow any of the materials listed in this pathfinder, book items online from the online catalogue

<http://www.7oaks.org/Resources/BZERC> or email inquires to alice.klumper@7oaks.org

Search Terms

- LGBTQ
- Discrimination
- Gay OR Lesbian OR *gender* (the * is for truncation so the search will find all terms that have "gender" in the description—including transgender, transgendered or just gender)
- Homophobia
- Respect
- Social acceptance
- Bullies
- Sex role
- Compassion OR Caring



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What Do You Say to "That's So Gay"?

Stop It:

Keep it simple with quick responses. If you have the time and opportunity to educate on the spot, do it. If you don't, make time later.

Educate:

If you have been hearing the phrase used to mean that something is bad or stupid, take time during a class meeting or group time to make sure that your students know what "gay" means.

Be Proactive:

In lessons on respect, stereotypes or prejudice include information about discrimination against gay, lesbian, and transgender people.

Read more @

<http://www.welcomingschools.org/pages/what-do-you-say-to-thats-so-gay/>

BZERC 370.155 Q3

Questions and answers: sexual orientation in schools = Questions et réponses: l'orientation sexuelle à l'école (20 p.)

Intended to address the most commonly asked questions regarding the sexual orientation of youth in school settings. The goal of this resource is to assist educators, school administrators, and health professionals in the creation of supportive and healthy school environments for youth struggling with issues of sexual orientation

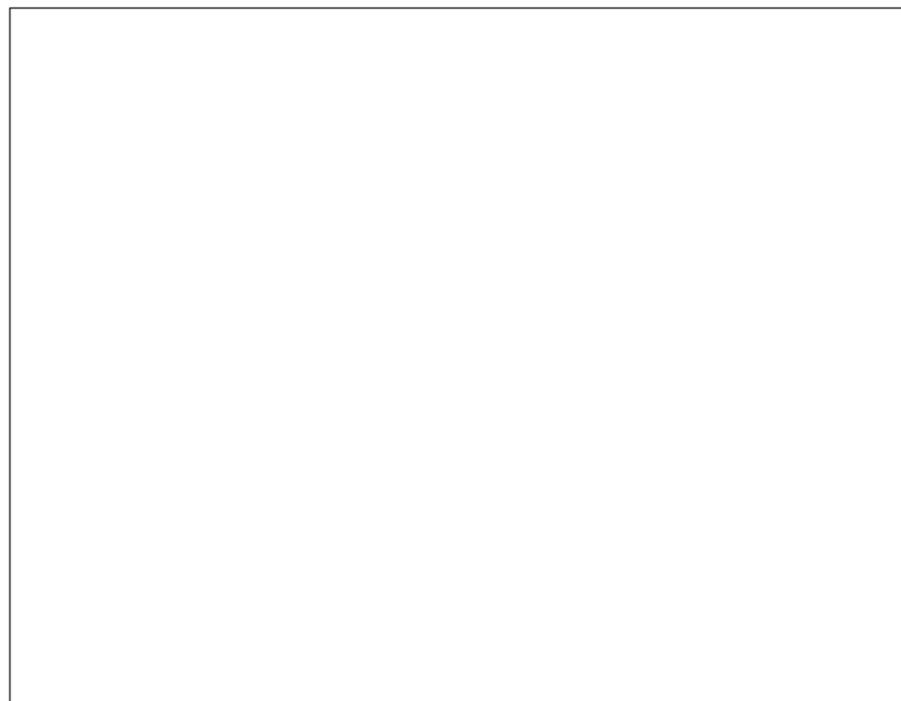


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Book items online by logging into our online catalogue with your `firstname.lastname` and using your `employee#` as your password
<http://www.7oaks.org/Resources/BZERC>
...and we'll send the items directly to your location via our divisional courier!

(Note items can be returned by courier as well)



Family is the most basic element of self-identification for young children...

...it shapes and informs their sense of self and who they are in the world. It is important for students to see their families reflected in the world around them, while at the same time seeing the diversity of families that also exists in our communities.

Read more @ <http://www.welcomingschools.org/family-diversity>

Welcoming & Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Families

A brochure for teachers @ <http://www.etfo.ca/resources/gbtfamilies/pages/default.aspx>

Hear Bryce's Story

Bryce is an incredible kid being raised by four gay parents. She just thinks she's an ordinary kid - because she is. She's surrounded by lots of love and would never want her life to be another way.

Hear her story @ <http://stories.pflagcanada.ca/>



All Kinds of Families

Follow this link <http://youtu.be/StcJOXA56> to hear about Bryce's family.

Picture Books



King & King / Linda de Haan & Stern Nijland. When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.



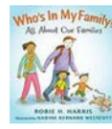
Mom and Mum are getting married! / written by Ken Setterington ; illustrated by Alice Priestley. When Rosie finds out that her two mothers are planning to get married, she has only one worry--will she get to be a flower girl. A joyful celebration of love, family and same-sex marriage.



Mommy, Mama, and me / by Leslea Newman ; illustrated by Carol Thompson. A baby enjoys a number of fun activities with her two mothers.



Monday is one day / by Arthur A. Levine ; illustrated by Julian Hector. A rhyming countdown of the days of the week as a father and child finds ways to spend time together while waiting for the weekend. Includes all kinds of parents and children, including same sex parents.



Who's in my family? : all about our families / Robie H. Harris ; illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott. A look at all kinds of families, including interracial families and ones with same sex parents.



The Great big book of families / by Mary Hoffman ; pictures by Ros Asquith. A book about all kinds of families of



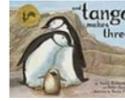
Daddy, Papa, and me / by Leslea Newman ; illustrated by Carol Thompson. The story of a toddler's daily activities with two loving fathers.



Antonio's card = : la tarjeta de Antonio / story/cuento Rigoberto Gonzalez ; illustrations/ilustraciones Cecilia Concepcion Alvarez. With Mother's Day coming, Antonio finds he has to decide about what is important to him when his classmates make fun of the unusual appearance of his mother's partner, Leslie.



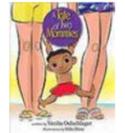
In our mothers' house / Patricia Polacco. Three young children experience the joys and challenges of being raised by two mothers.



And Tango makes three / by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell ; illustrated by Henry Cole. At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.



The Sissy duckling / by Harvey Fierstein ; illustrated by Henry Cole. A story about self-esteem in which Elmer the duck is teased because he is different, but he proves himself by not only surviving the winter, but also saving his papa.



A tale of two mommies / by Vanita Oelschlager ; illustrations, Mike Blanc. A young boy describes to two other children how his two mommies help him with all his needs.



LGBTQ Novels

The misfits / James Howe. Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names.

Rainbow boys / Alex Sanchez. Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.

Bad boy / Diana Wieler. A.J. Brandiosa becomes the bad boy of the Cyclone hockey team, and learns that his best friend is gay, as he tries to cope with his own sexuality during his senior year in high school.

Boyfriends with girlfriends / Alex Sanchez. When Lance begins to date Sergio, who's bisexual, he's not sure that it'll work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.

Hit the road, Manny / Christian Burch. As the Dalinger family travels across America in a rented recreational vehicle, Keats grows more accepting of the attention-getting behavior of their "manny"--male nanny--especially after a visit with the manny's parents on their Wyoming ranch.

Absolutely, positively not / David LaRochelle. Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.

Pretend you love me : a novel / by Julie Anne Peters. In a small Kansas town, sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.

Crossing lines / by Paul Volponi. High school senior Adonis struggles to do the right thing when his fellow football players escalate their bullying of a new classmate, Alan, who is transgendered.

The Accidental adventures of India McAllister / written and illustrated by Charlotte Agell. India, an unusual five-and-a-half-year-old living in small-town Maine, has a series of adventures which bring her closer to her artist-mother, strengthen her friendship with a neighbor boy, and help her to accept the man for whom her father moved away

Kissing Kate / Lauren Myracle. Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party and Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.

I am J / by Cris Beam. J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.

Luna / a novel by Julie Anne Peters. Fifteen-year-old Regan's life, which has always revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transsexuality a secret, changes when Liam decides to start the process of "transitioning" by first telling his family and friends that he is a girl who was born in a boy's body.

All of the books featured on this page are all available in 7oaks...and there are many more! Just ask a Library Technician!

Incorporate LGBT history, themes and people into your curriculum!

Find an extensive bibliography of resources at: <http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org/blackboard-topic.html>

<http://glsen.org/educate/resources/curriculum>