

## Websites



<https://glbtrt.ala.org/rainbowbooks/>

"The Rainbow Book List, now in its 15th year, is an annual annotated bibliography consisting of quality LGBTQIA+ literature intended for readers from birth to age 18. This resource guide is meant to assist librarians, educators, parents, and others to ensure that everyone from babies and children to tweens and teens have access to selecting quality books with significant content regarding inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and all that extends throughout the Rainbow spectrum."



GLSEN

<https://www.glsen.org/>

"GLSEN works to ensure that LGBTQ students are able to learn and grow in a school environment free from bullying and harassment. Together we can transform our nation's schools into the safe and affirming environment all youth deserve."



#WeNeedDiverseBooks

<https://diversebooks.org/>

"A 501(c)(3) non-profit and a grassroots organization of children's book lovers that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people."



"A safe, supportive and empowering home for the Easton LGBTQ+ community. Easton Pride works to increase 2SLGBTQ+ visibility in Easton, and raise funds for programs and activities for the 2SLGBTQ+ community."

<https://www.eastonpride.org>

This bibliography is intended to expose young adult readers to books about the young adult LGBTQ+ experience. These titles are enlightening and entertaining for all readers but they also serve the important purpose of creating mirrors for LGBTQ+ readers and windows for other readers to better understand the lives of LGBTQ+ teens.

Many of these wonderful books are written and/or illustrated by people who are part of the community they are writing about. This lends the story authenticity.

Some of the titles listed are in the form of Playaways. These are preloaded audiobooks available for checkout at the Library. All you need are headphones.

For more titles or information on LGBTQ+ books and resources, please contact [Kristine Oulman](#), the Youth Services Librarian.

Happy Reading!



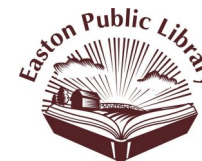
# EASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

## YA LGBTQ+ READING AND RESOURCE LIST



[www.eastonlibrary.org](http://www.eastonlibrary.org)

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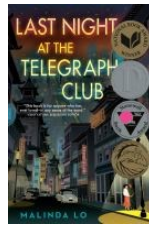


A Space For All



**What If It's Us**

by Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera  
Arthur is only visiting New York for the summer, but a trip to the post office brings the teen face-to-face with a dreamy, box-carrying young man. Part feel-good, part star-crossed, all fun.



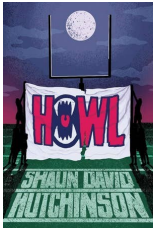
**Last Night at the Telegraph Club**

by Malinda Lo  
1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love. Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day. Winner of the National Book Award.



**Cheer Up!: Love and Pompoms**

by Crystal Frasier  
This peppy yet angsty graphic novel irresistibly reclaims sports for queer and trans audiences. Full of friendship, romance, and self-discovery .



**Howl** by Shaun David Hutchinson

A gripping, dynamic portrayal of the oftentimes traumatic experience of growing up...with a twist.



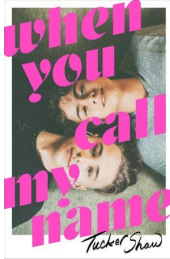
**Squad** by Maggie Tokuda-Hall & Lisa Sterle

Using supernatural elements, this graphic novel deftly explores the cost of belonging. An exciting look at girl power gone wrong.



**Pet** by Akwaeke Emezi

Teenager Jam unwittingly animates her mother's painting, summoning a being through a cross-dimensional portal. Riveting speculative fiction.



**When You Call My Name** by Tucker Shaw

A heartrending novel about two gay teens coming of age in New York City in 1990 at the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.



**We Deserve Monuments**

by Jas Hammonds  
Family secrets, a swoon-worthy romance, and a slow-burn mystery collide in a story that explores how racial violence can ripple down through generations.



**Magical Boy 1** by The Kao

A breathtakingly imaginative fantasy graphic novel series starring Max—a high schooler chosen to become the next "Magical Girl." There's just one catch . . . he's a trans boy!



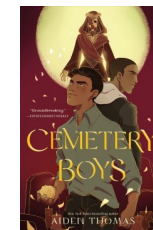
**Blackwater** by Jeannette Arroyo & Rem Graham

In this graphic novel developed from the hit webcomic, two boys fall for each other as they dig for clues to a paranormal mystery in the haunted town of Blackwater, Maine.



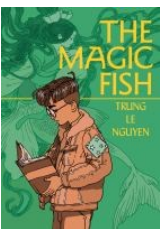
**Anne of Greenville** by Mariko Tamaki

In this modern reimagining of Anne of Green Gables, Anne is an ABBA-loving singer/actor/writer of disco-operas, queer, Japanese-American who longs to be understood for her artistic genius.



**Cemetery Boys** by Aiden Thomas

When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. Then he summons a ghost who will not leave. Full of heart.



**The Magic Fish** by Trung Le Nguyen

Ti'n loves his family and his friends...but Ti'n has a secret he's been keeping from them, and it might change everything. A stunning YA graphic novel that deals with the complexity of family and how stories can bring us together.



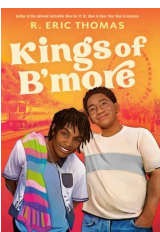
**Burn Down, Rise Up** by Vincent Tirado

Mysterious disappearances. An urban legend rumored to be responsible. And one group of friends determined to save their city at any cost. The perfect pick for horror lovers looking for a light at the end of the tunnel.



**Rethinking Normal: A Memoir in Transition** by Katie Rain Hill

A coming-of-age story about transcending physical appearances and redefining the parameters of 'normalcy' to embody one's true self. Unwaveringly honest .



**Kings of B'more** by R. Eric Thomas

Two Black queer best friends face their last day together with an epic journey through Baltimore before one of them moves away. Thoughtful, moving, and fun.



**Melt With You** by Jennifer Dugan

A sweet and salty queer YA rom-com about two girls on a summer road trip in an ice cream truck.



**A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns** by Archie Bongiovanni & Tristan Jimerson

A perfect way to get all your people on the same page with ease and humor!