

# TO BE perfectly **QUEER**

NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Well wishes

This week wraps up David Ulrich's last day at the Center. As our Program and Events Manager, he has had a positive impact on our Safe Zone training, helped youth navigate middle school, and facilitated our Parenting, Umbrella, and Trans/nonbinary Support Groups. The Pride Prom he coordinated for the Center this past June will be remembered for years to come! David, thank you for all you have done for our community and we wish you all the best in your future!



Peace,  
Barb



### Events

## Movie Night "Rocky Horror"

Right out of Transylvanian University, our fans dressed the part and brought the props!

Join us for our monthly movie night hosted by Zak Butler at the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin,



1456 Junction Ave,  
Racine!

Next month's movie is  
The Breakfast Club on  
November 12th at 6:30  
PM. [Facebook Events](#)

## ADVOCACY

### Join RAISE

RAISE is a project that is growing from the ground up. We want to identify people in the community that are ready to help advocate for our rights whether that is publicly or privately. RAISE is a group of people who have the inside knowledge of what is happening in the LGBTQ+ community and are ready to take action when needed. We are over 60 strong!

If you are interested in any type of LGBTQ+ advocacy work, whether short-term, ongoing or just for one or two events. Go [here](#) to signup.

We are also looking for leaders to help organize. If interested, email [info@lgbtsewi.org](mailto:info@lgbtsewi.org)

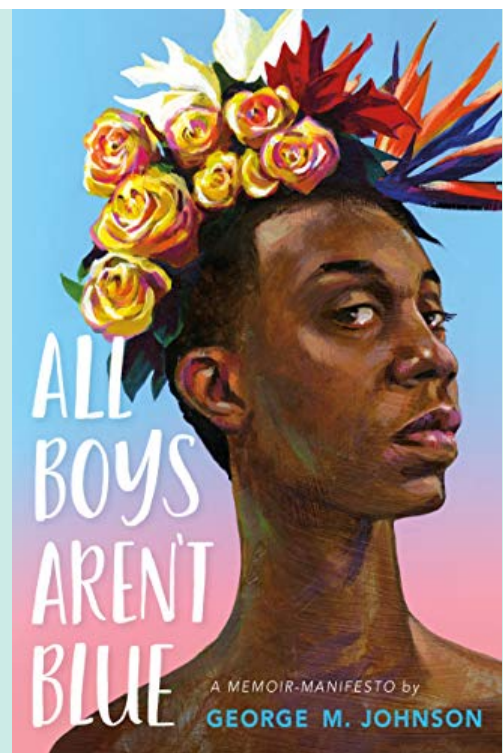


## QUEER BOOK CLUB

### October's Read: All Boys Aren't Blue by George M. Johnson

"In a series of personal essays, prominent journalist and LGBTQIA+ activist George M. Johnson explores his childhood, adolescence, and college years in New Jersey and Virginia. From the memories of getting his teeth kicked out by bullies at age five, to flea marketing with his loving grandmother, to his first sexual relationships, this young-adult memoir weaves together the trials and triumphs faced by Black queer boys.

Both a primer for teens eager to be allies as well as a reassuring testimony for young queer men of color, *All Boys Aren't Blue* covers



topics such as gender identity, toxic masculinity, brotherhood, family, structural marginalization, consent, and Black joy. Johnson's emotionally frank style of writing will appeal directly to young adults." Goodreads.

The Queer Book Club will select a new book monthly and meet virtually the last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a facilitated discussion.

Email [queerbookclubwi@gmail.com](mailto:queerbookclubwi@gmail.com) to join!

Join us on **Tuesday, October 25th.**



**QUEER BOOK CLUB**

*Radical Change Through Real Talk*



## Youth Programming Youth Art Night

We pulled out our old button-making machine this September for our biggest youth art night to date, where 22 youths joined us in making pronoun pins for their backpacks at school! The night was supported by six adult volunteers and lots of creative youth, who got to hand draw or digitally

design art for their buttons. Join us this month as design clay beads in the colors of Pride flags to make bracelets, keychains, and more! **Thursday, October 20th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm** at 1456 Junction Ave, Racine. Why [join us](#) at our next meeting?



## Event

### Pre-Holiday Party!

With the holidays in sight, join us for an event focused on putting gifts in your hands so that you can tell your hosts, "I'll bring the wine!" This wine-pull will let you pay a fixed amount to pull a mystery bottle of wine, which could be equal to or much higher value than the amount that you paid.

Come to the Center's Open House and enjoy catching up with friends in person!

And grab some pre-holiday cheer!

Join us on **Saturday, November 5th, 4:00 - 7:00 PM** for this exciting community

event at the LGBT Center!

## Event

# Friendsgiving - Pre-Holiday Party!

Saturday, November 19th, 6:00 - 10:00 PM

We are thrilled to have this amazing event put on by Friends of the Center! They are hosting a fun holiday gathering for the community to join together for a joyous and filling night of food, wine, 50/50, raffle baskets, wine cork pulls, and connections with friends.

Tickets: \$25 (Includes hors d'oeuvres and 5 wine-tasting tickets)

Tickets are available for purchase [here](#), Uncorkt, or limited tickets are available at the door.

All proceeds from this event benefit The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin.

The poster features a warm, textured background with autumn leaves at the bottom. At the top, it says "Friends of THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN are hosting...". The main title "FRIENDSGIVING 2022" is in large, bold, brown letters. Below it, a red maple leaf icon is centered. The event details "6 - 10 PM | UNCORKT" and "240 MAIN STREET RACINE, WI" are listed. The date "SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19" is prominently displayed. Ticket information "\$25" and "- Includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, 5 wine-tasting tickets -" is provided. Purchase instructions "Purchase at [paybee.io/@lgbtsewi@20](mailto:paybee.io/@lgbtsewi@20) or Uncorkt. Limited tickets for sale at the door." are included. A note says "Don't miss out on raffle baskets, 50/50, wine cork pulls, & fun with good friends!". At the bottom, it states "All proceeds from this event benefit the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin."

## What's new in Support Groups

Our Hybrid (in-person and virtual) Groups below...

**TRANS & nonbinary SUPPORT**  
Join us Wednesdays from 5-6 pm  
At the LGBT Center or on Zoom

Trans and Nonbinary Group  
Wednesday from 5 - 6:00 PM

**QUEER social GROUP**  
Join us Wednesdays from 10-11 am  
At the LGBT Center or on Zoom

Queer Social Group  
Wednesday from 10 - 11:00 AM

**PARENTING with PRIDE**  
Join us Tuesdays from 5-6 pm  
In-person or on Zoom

Parenting With Pride Group  
Tuesdays from 5 - 6:00 PM

## Announcing...the Bi/Pan Support Group

Coming this Fall...Bisexual & Pansexual Support Group!

This support group will meet hybrid-style (in-person or virtual) on Mondays from 5:00 - 6:00 PM.

All individuals that self-identify as Bi, Pansexual, or Questioning are

welcome!

We are so excited to come together and begin a new support group for the Center's programming!

Keep an eye out for the start date!



Are you okay? We're here to support you if you do—like through the support of our virtual and hybrid support and social groups. Sign up for groups [here](#).

### LOOKING AHEAD

## NEW! Community Safe Zone Training

MONDAY, November 14th, 5:30 – 7:00 PM CST

This virtual training is open to the public and designed for those who have questions and want to learn.

Topics include vocabulary, resources available, and how to be a better ally.

These events are held over Zoom on the **second Monday of every month**. They are FREE to attend! [Click here to register](#).

Our next training is November 14th at 5:30.



## Ri' - A Local Guide

Ri' is the founder of the Spirituality Support Group which helped many people get through the pandemic and to bond virtually on zoom with as many as 20 people on a call from over 5 states. He is also a regular

volunteer at the Center and to many folks in the community.

"I am Ri"! I'm originally from a small farm town in Central Michigan, the youngest of 5, having 2 sisters and 2 brothers. I am a huge foodie, I love to both cook and eat! Having a wide variety of work experiences I now find myself doing something I'm very passionate about. Currently, I have 2 positions I serve, I am the Community Organizer for Racine Interfaith Coalition and the Street Outreach Specialist for The Hopes Center. I have also served as a minister for over 35 years. A year and a half ago I finally found the courage and support to transition to my true self. Born as Sheri', I am now living my most fulfilled life with the love of my life, my darling, Jennifer, as just me, Ri'."



### **What does the LGBTQ+ community mean to me?**

The LGBTQ+ community means a place to be as I am, somewhere to be accepted as who I am, just as I am. A place I should not have to hide or mask my face, neither literally nor metaphorically. It represents a freedom that is not always found in many spaces in life.

### **What is the one thing we can do that will have a positive impact on our community?**

Stop drawing lines within our own community, this is not a competition between sexes, identities, genders, or orientations! We all sit under the same umbrella and need to accept, respect, and protect one another. We all know what hate, exclusion, and violence feel like, let's stand together and not dismiss any of the alphabet.



### **Racine Theatre Guild**

The Racine Theatre Guild values the work of the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin and has been privileged to partner with them over the years, including the presentation of the multimedia virtual production of "The Laramie Project," which shines a light on tragedy and hope, hatred, and compassion.



The ongoing work of the LGBT Center is critical to fostering community and Racine Theatre Guild is proud to be a supporter.



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