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NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PROM IS HERE!

Hello friends,

Prom is a magical time of year and this year's event is no different! This year we have recruited over 20 volunteers and are expecting over 125 youth. We will have an amazing live performance and a huge buffet free to all youth ages 14-18. This year it is held at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine! Lastly, this is the first year that we are providing transportation for youth from Union Grove to Racine and a second van from Kenosha. Details about prom are throughout this month's newsletter. This is one of only a few LGBTQ+ proms in the state.

Please share this event with your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors. It is truly a unique experience and the important LGBTQ+ youth and their friends won't want to miss it!

Peace,
Barb



Events

Youth Equality Prom Saturday!

We are *thrilled* to host our 13th annual Equality Prom at Meadowbrook

Country Club. We are expecting at least 125 youths from around the state. The event is free for youth and the dress code is BeYou...



LGBT CENTER OF SE
WISCONSIN PRESENTS:



For Equality, Freedom, Empowerment, Love

EQUALITY PROM

for teens



Meadowbrook Country
Club

2149 N Green Bay Rd
Mt Pleasant, WI 53405

OK



FREE ENTRY!

WITH VALID MIDDLE OR
HIGH SCHOOL ID



22 APRIL 2023
[6 PM - 10 PM]



Registration:



Need transportation to get to Equality Prom this year? Email us at info@lgbtsewi.org if you need transportation!

We have transportation available from Union Grove, Racine, & Kenosha!

TRANSPORTATION TO PROM THIS SATURDAY, 4/22/23 AVAILABLE FROM:

UNION GROVE

KENOSHA

RACINE

Need a ride? Reach out to jasmine@lgbtsewi.org

PROM



Youth Programming Youth Art Night

Join us this **THURSDAY 4/20** from **5:30-7 PM** at the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin (1546 Junction Ave, Racine, WI) to make *fairy garden centerpieces* for this year's Equality Prom! Don't forget to bring siblings and/or a friend!

Want to join our youth group? Sign up [here](#). It meets every Thursday from 5:00 - 6:00 PM on Zoom.

Youth Art Night

Presents:

Fairy Garden Centerpieces

**Join us in making fairy garden
centerpieces for this year's
Equality Prom!**

April 20

5:30-7 PM



Haven't registered
for prom yet?
There is still time!
Register here:



Support Equality Prom

During *Youth Art Night*, we will also be hosting a **FREE PROM CLOSET** from **5-8 PM** at the center with *cottagecore-themed* jewelry, gently used formalwear (dresses, button-up shirts, blazers, etc) from sizes 3X-Small, shoes, makeup, makeup pouches, and hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.) to make looking and feeling slay accessible to all students!

We want **EVERYONE** to feel like their best and most authentic selves at prom!



LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin
BeLeaf Survivors



Prom Closet Donations

Theme: Cottagecore



NOW-APRIL 19TH

We are looking for formalwear, accessories,
unopened hygiene products, hair care, and
makeup donations to make looking slay
accessible to ALL students!

DROP OFF: 1456 JUNCTION AVE, RACINE, WI 53403

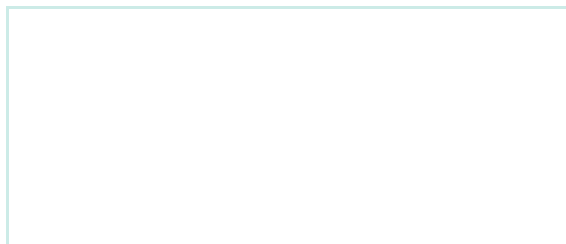
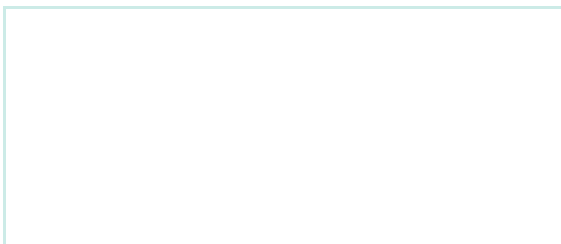
1 PM- 5 PM MONDAY-FRIDAY

Can't make those times/days? Email
patricia@lgbtsewi.org to coordinate pick-up.

Support

Send a Youth to Prom

We are looking for sponsors to help support our Equity Prom! If you would like to sponsor a youth or sponsor parts of the event - like our Taco bar, please [click here](#) to support Prom and youth programs throughout the year!





[Send a youth to prom!](#)



[Sponsor Prom!](#)

Community Project **RACINE ASSET MAP**

The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin and Community-Powered have created an asset map highlighting the many resources, organizations, people, and events vital to Racine's queer community. This allows people who engage with the map to know where safe places are for community members and also see the pulse of the community established in Racine.

This project is a collaboration with the Racine Public Library, Anthony Cattani who is from Wisconsin Humanities Community-Powered Coordinator, and the Center.

If you have a special place in Racine based on your LGBTQ+ personal experience, please use the QR code below to share your photo and your story! This will be another layer of our asset map rolling out publicly soon!



RacineLibrary.info
(262) 636-9217 • 75 7th Street, Racine



ADVOCACY **ELGBTQ+ Equality Day**

LGBTQ+ Equality Day at the Capitol is back in 2023!

Equality Day at the Capitol is Fair Wisconsin's biennial grassroots advocacy day, usually held in the spring near the beginning of the state legislative session.

When: Wednesday, May 10th, 2023 9:30am - 5:00pm

Where: Madison Bethel Lutheran Church & the Wisconsin State Capitol

Meet with state legislators and staff. Tell your story, network, and strategize with other equality-minded LGBTQ+ and allied Wisconsinites. Learn more about current policy issues important to the LGBTQ+ community and what you can do about it!

Register [here](#) to take the bus from Racine to Madison! Equality Day at the Capitol is FREE to attend. Registration is required.



LGBTQ+ EQUALITY DAY at the CAPITOL May 10th, 2023

In partnership with...



RSVP @ bit.ly/equalityday23

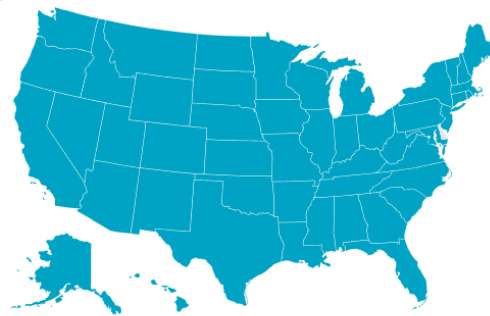


ADVOCACY

RAISE Action



ACTION:
Sign up to hear about some
immediate action needed to
support our libraries!



Click on a state to see bills

[Translegislation.com](https://translegislation.com)

Since January 1st, 2023...

[Join the RAISE group](#) to hear about local, state, and federal advocacy efforts.

498 bills
49 states

44 passed 4361 active
93 failed

QUEER BOOK CLUB

April's Read: Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe

"Author Maia Kobabe explores gender identity in the 2019 graphic memoir *Gender Queer*, which is centered on coming out to friends and family."

"I wrote it sort of towards an audience who I knew, like, loved me and supported me and knew me and was very sympathetic to me," Kobabe told NPR. "And I think that let me write without any, really, fear."

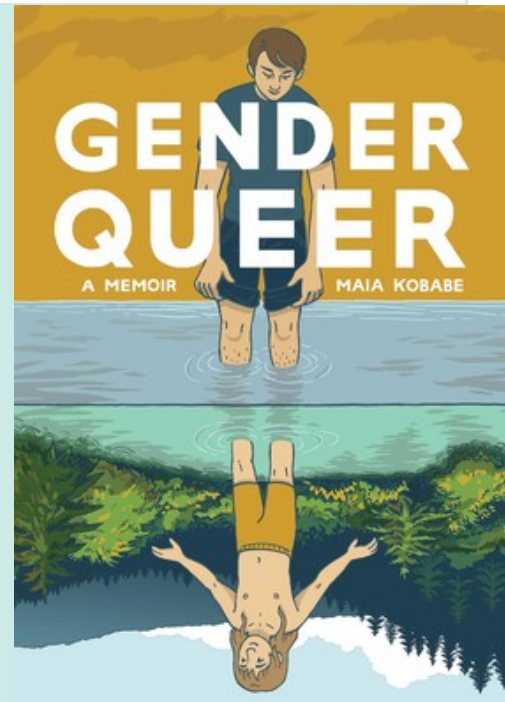
"Kobabe grew up in Northern California. In illustrated panels in the book, readers learn about Kobabe feeling physically different from a young age but unable to openly express it. The book has been praised in some circles for how it talks about identity — but it's also drawn a lot of rebuke from people who cite its sexually explicit nature and the illustrations."

"Gender Queer has been banned from library shelves in more states than any other book."

Go [here](#) to listen to the 7-minute radio show with author Maia Kobabe on *NPR's series Banned and Challenged*.

The Queer Book Club will select a new book **every other month** and meet virtually on the last Tuesday of every month from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a facilitated discussion. Sign up [here](#)!

Join us on **Tuesday, April 25th on Zoom**.



LOOKING AHEAD

LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN'S

Current Groups



Bi/Pan Support Group | 5-6 PM



Parenting with Pride | 5-6 PM

Queer Book Club | 6-7:30 PM
(Last Tuesday of the Month)



Queer Social Group | 10 - 11 AM

Trans & Nonbinary Group | 5- 6 PM



Be You: LGBT Youth Group | 5 - 6 PM

Youth Art Nights | 5:30 - 7 PM



Fifty & Up | 1-2:30 PM

We continue to provide Support Groups either in-person or on zoom - your choice! To sign up for youth groups (14-18) click [here](#). For adult groups (18+) sign up [here](#).

MEvent
Movie Night



City of Racine
Mini-Grant Award

This week, we started the remodeling project in our

backroom to make it a fabulous place for groups, projects, meetings, and outdoor socials.

We are so grateful to the City of Racine for their \$25,00 investment in our building through the Mini-Grant! Our Center is located in Uptown in the Neighborhood Stabilization and Enhancement District and the investment will help

lift this amazing and budding part of the City. Thanks also to The Branch, Rooted, Racine Merchandise Mart, and Mahogany Gallery just to name a few who help make Uptown better every day.

We also qualified for this grant because we serve marginalized populations and will find creative ways to serve our community. The expected completion is July!



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