

TO BE perfectly **QUEER**

NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR **Racine Pride!**

Hello friends,

There are so many different ways to celebrate Pride Month! The Racine Pride event this **Sunday, June 25th from noon to 1:30 PM** is unique. Rather than duplicate what Pride organizations do best like Pridefest in Milwaukee and Kenosha Pride, we celebrate by sharing stories and empowering our community with information about what is happening right now with the LGBTQ+ community. You could call it a rally.



The event is held on the steps of City Hall in Racine and is an opportunity to hear from people on the front lines of the nation's anti-trans legislation like the Human Rights Campaign and Fair Wisconsin. We will also hear from elected officials, LGBTQ+ Organizations, clergy, nonprofit leaders, LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin Board and Staff, community members, and allies. There will be opportunities for you to tell your story also.

See you Sunday!

Peace,
Barb



Event
RACINE PRIDE

Celebrate our LGBTQ+ community with a rally on the steps of City Hall
Sunday, June 25th from noon to 1:30 PM.

Hear from local LGBTQ+ leaders about what we can expect in Wisconsin's legislature this year and how that could impact our trans and nonbinary community.

RACINE PRIDE DAY

Sunday, June 25, 2023 @ 12 PM

City Hall Steps
730 Washington Ave, Racine, WI 53403

Rally to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community in Racine to advocate the importance of equality in the City of Racine!



ALL OUT WITH PRIDE

Event

Pridefest 2023

We loved being at Pridefest in Milwaukee! We met so many people from all over the state and shared what the Center has to offer! This is the first year we had 2 booths to showcase all of our programming including Colorful & Connected, Youth Programming, Support Groups, and Safe Zone Training.



Youth Events

Youth Art Night: Pride Bouquets

Pride Bouquets...the perfect Pride Month art activity.

Each youth chose their favorite pride-colored flowers from our "flower buffet line." 16 youths got to take home their own special Pride flower arrangement.

Youth Program Coordinator **Patricia Castillo Venegas** said "In

my opinion, Youth Art Nights are always a hit because of 2 main reasons: 1) Kiddos can come to the Center where they don't have to explain themselves, they can simply exist, be welcomed, and celebrated and 2) It's a perfect spot for kids to let out their creative zoomies! I always set up the space to be as welcoming and accessible as possible to accommodate the different needs youth might have. "



Events

COLORFUL & CONNECTED

"Colorful & Connected has helped me



find a safe place to be Black and queer. I have been able to connect with Black and POC people in SE Wisconsin. It's been nice to meet and connect with folk who I otherwise wouldn't have. C&C has given me the space to learn and build in my community."

-Connie

"For me, the Colorful & Connected group has been eye-opening and integral to my connection with the LGBT community here in Wisconsin. The overall program has been very educational but also super fun!! And I want to continue to support it and be a part of it. I've met some of the coolest, kindest, loving people through this group and the LGBT Center of SEWI!!!"

-kori

To get *Connected*...contact [Venus Randall Saunders](#), our Equity Coordinator.

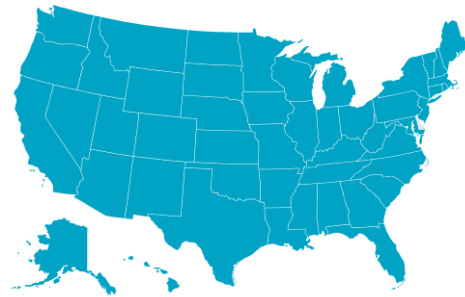


ADVOCACY RAISE Action



Join the RAISE group to hear about local, state, and federal advocacy efforts.

We may need people to write letters and make calls to our legislators this summer! Let's be ready!



Click on a state to see bills

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

Since January 1st, 2023...

558 bills

49 states

82 passed 365 active

111 failed

QUEER BOOK CLUB

June's Read: When the Emperor Was Divine

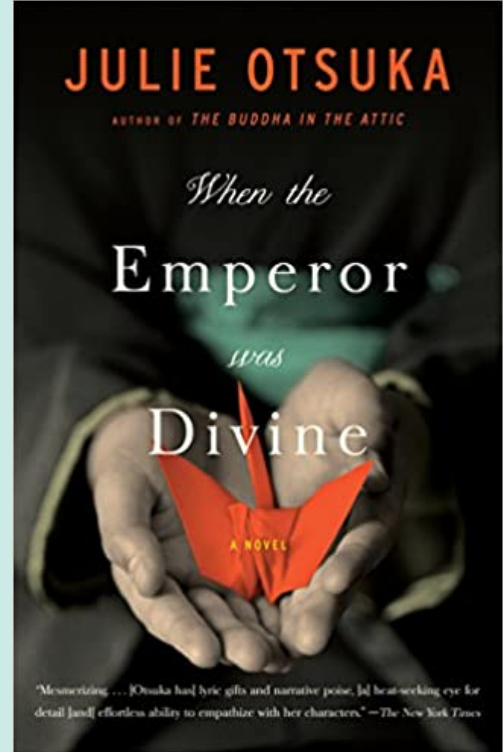
"Julie Otsuka's commanding debut novel paints a portrait of the Japanese internment camps unlike any we have ever seen. With crystalline intensity and precision, Otsuka uses a single family to evoke the deracination "both physical and emotional" of a generation of Japanese Americans."

"In five chapters, each flawlessly executed from a different point of view "the mother receiving the order to evacuate; the daughter on the long train ride to the camp; the son in the desert encampment; the family's return to their home; and the bitter release of the father after more than four years in captivity" she has created a small tour de force, a novel of the unrelenting economy and suppressed emotion."

"*When the Emperor Was Divine* is a haunting evocation of a family in wartime and an unmistakably resonant lesson for our times. It heralds the arrival of a singularly gifted new novelist."

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, June 26th on Zoom.**



LOOKING AHEAD Movie Night at the Center Too Wong Foo...

Last month we traveled down the yellow brick road & watched the classic WIZARD OF OZ, to pay homage to the first gay icon & birthday girl Judy Garland in her role of Dorothy Gale. We also discussed her direct connection to the queer community, the folklore

of her death connecting with the Stonewall Uprising & the classic song Over The Rainbow & the Rainbow Flag.

This month we are showcasing the queer classic **To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar**. The film will be shown on July 15th at the Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm.



**To Wong Foo,
Thanks For Everything!**
Julie Newmar



Youth Programming

Youth Summer Programming

We are excited to announce our Youth Programming schedule for the summer! This is a long time coming and we are thrilled to work closely with our youth to help them stay connected over the summer. Please share this with families you

know.

Want to join our youth programs? Sign up [here](#).

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAMMING 2023

YOUTH ART NIGHTS

**2) Salem Community Library
24615 89th St, Salem, WI 53168

SUPPORT GROUPS

- 1) PARENTING W/PRIDE 5-6 PM TUE.
 - 2) PARENTING W/PRIDE- WEST OF THE "I"
 - *3) BE YOU: YOUTH GROUP 5-6 PM THU
- 1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403



VISION BOARDS

JUNE 29TH W/ OUR BESTIE, BRITTANY FROM AURORA
5:30- 7:00 PM
1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

WALK WEDNESDAYS

JULY EVERY 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
W/ YOUTH COORDINATOR, PATRICIA
Location: Samuel Meyers Park

GRAPHIC DESIGN- HEAT PRESS SERIES

JULY TBD W/ OUR BESTIE, KORI
1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

FAMILY GARDENING

JULY 15TH 12:00 PM W/ GARDEN OF EATIN'
Location: 2300 57th Street, Kenosha

JEWELRY MAKING

AUGUST 17TH 5:30- 7:00 PM
1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

STORY HOUR

JULY 22ND 11:00 AM-12:00 PM W/ YOUTH COORDINATOR, PATRICIA
Location: Virtual on Zoom

PORTRAIT SERIES

SEPTEMBER TBD W/ OUR BESTIE, ALYSSA
1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

YOUTH PICNIC

PARENT/GUARDIAN BRUNCH

AUGUST TBD
Location: TBD

URBAN SKETCHING- KOHLER ART MUSEUM TRIP

TBD TBD W/ OUR BESTIE, KATHI WILSON FROM RAC

Questions/disability accommodations? Please contact Youth Coordinator Patricia at patricia@lgbtsewi.org



UPDATED INFO AT LGBTSEWI.ORG

Youth Programming Youth Art Night

Join us this **Thursday, June 29th** from **5:30-7 PM** at the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin (1546 Junction Ave, Racine) to make Vision Boards! Our creative leader is Advocate Aurora Health's own, Brittany Johnson-Suleiman.

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

Youth Art Night 6/29

The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin Presents:

Vision Boards

with our bestie, Brittany!

1456 Junction Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

Calling all LGBT+
youth, friends, and
siblings for a vision
board making night!

5:30 PM to
7:00 PM



Have any questions or in need of disability accommodations? Please email our Youth Coordinator at patricia@lgbtsewi.org and we will get back to you ASAP.

LOOKING AHEAD

Colorful and Connected

Pepi's Happy Hour

This is one of many regular events for our queer communities of color to socialize, build friendships and networks and build a strong community here in Racine! Thank you Pepi's!

JULY 14TH

4-6 PM

Colorful
&
Connected

COLORFUL & CONNECTED MEET UP

A GATHERING FOR BIPOC LGBTQ+ FOLKS

PEPI'S PUB AND GRILL

618 6TH ST, RACINE, WI 53403

FREE MIMOSA BAR

+
RAFFLE ITEMS

Don't miss the 3rd Gardening LGBT Family Day. Harvest! Eat your veggies...

Support Groups

2023 Calendar 06-23

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](#).

Groups



Colorful & Connected

Sunday 11AM-12PM

Bisexual & Pansexual

Monday 5PM-6PM

Parenting with Pride

Tuesday 5PM-6PM

Queer Social Group

Wednesday 10AM-11AM

Trans & Nonbinary

Wednesday 5PM-6PM

Be You: Youth Group

Thursday 5PM-6PM

Fifty & Up

1st & 3rd Saturday

1-2:30PM

Queer Book Club

Last Tuesday of the month

Every 2 months-Nxt Mtg June @ 6PM

Queer Movie Night

2nd Saturday of the
month @ 6:30PM



Youth Art Night

3rd Thursday of the
month @ 5PM



Support Group

NEW Parenting with Pride West of the "I"

We are thrilled to announce the launching of a new parenting support group in collaboration with Jeanne Costanza (a proud parent of an LGBTQ+ young adult) and the Center hosted at the Salem Library. Our first meeting is next week!

PARENTING WITH PRIDE - WEST OF THE 'I'

WITH YOUR HOST, JEANNE!

THIS IS A FREE PEER SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF LGBTQIA+ KIDS AND ADULT CHILDREN. WE ARE LOOKING TO BUILD UP A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS SO WE CAN NAVIGATE THE OVERWHELMING STUFF LIFE THROWS AT US.



EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY
OF EACH MONTH 6:30-8:00 PM

SALEM COMMUNITY LIBRARY
24615 89TH ST, SALEM, WI 53168
OR VIA ZOOM!

THINGS YOU WILL GET OUT OF THIS GROUP:

MEET
FAMILIES LIKE
YOURS

SHARE AND
PROCESS
STORIES

RESOURCES

ADVOCACY



SCAN QR CODE FOR ZOOM LINK!

QUESTIONS/DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?
EMAIL INFO@LGBTSEWI.ORG

OUTbuilding
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Low Daily Fundraiser

Burlington Brewery, Low Daily, held a Pride Event on Friday, June 16th where over 100 people, almost all in their Pride t-shirts, helped bring a feeling of belonging and support to the queer community. To raise money for the Center, t-shirt maker Thom Romero from Elkhorn, made screen prints on site! \$15 from every sale went to the Center!

They raised \$1300 for the Center!



**LOW
DAILY**



Zebra



Technologies

ERG ZEAL Fundraiser

Zebra Technologies Corporation is an American mobile computing company specializing in technology used to sense, analyze, and act in real-time. The company manufactures and sells marking, tracking, and computer printing technologies.

Their Employee Resource Group, ZEAL, made the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin the beneficiary of a Pride fundraiser at their locations in Kenosha and Lincolnshire, IL.

They raised over \$1000 for the Center!



The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin

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