

TO BE perfectly QUEER

NEWS OF THE LGBT CENTER OF SE WISCONSIN

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Progress

Hello friends,

You have likely seen the most recent progress flag with the intersex symbol. The purple circle surrounded by yellow was created in 2013, but fully integrated into the progress flag in 2022.



"Intersex is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn't seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male." Full definition [here](#). *Intersex Society of America*.

The movie [Every Body](#), (flyer below) is a film featuring 3 amazing people who share their stories as intersex, showing in mainstream theaters and on streaming channels this summer. Watch this movie, to better understand gender and all of its variations.

Approximately 1-2% of all babies have intersex characteristics and as anti-trans bills are enacted across the country, there is such irony. These trans bills

ban gender-affirming care such as surgeries and hormone replacement therapies for transgender youth and these same bills require surgeries for intersex babies. Trans people have to fight for surgeries they do want and intersex people have to fight against having surgeries they don't want.

This is called the intersex loophole. Alicia, featured in the film Every Body paraphrases what Texas legislators think about anti-trans bills, “We don't think trans kids are normal, so you're going to withhold all care for them. And we don't think intersex kids are normal, so feel free to enforce whatever treatment you may want.”

Good news...In June 2023, a federal judge ruled the Arkansas bill that blocks the country's first ban on gender-affirming care for minors is unconstitutional. [Read more.](#) This decision could establish a precedent for other state laws that are challenged at the federal level.

The more we understand variations in biology and sex from our intersex friends and family, the more we will find true gender liberation... for all of us.

Peace,
Barb





Event

Racine Public Library's Drag Queen Story Hour

Congratulations to the Racine Public Library for hosting its first Drag Queen Story Hour on Friday, June 29th. Over 200 people showed solidarity with the library and were there to escort families, enjoyed the drag performance, and celebrated this joyous day. Over 40+ protesters were holding signs and

making comments to those who attended.

Shay King, Head of Business Development for the library shared "Drag is such a fun form of play and imagination - and a great way to introduce people to new ways of thinking about gender. The Drag Queen Story Hour was an awesome way to continue the library's work of sharing stories while honoring the queer folx who make our community what it is." Shay is also the President of the Board of Directors of the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin.

The picture below says it all...children love stories and drag queens. Click [here](#) to see the full video from the Racine Video Production Workshop.



Viewing **Wisconsin Pride on PBS**

Explore Wisconsin's hidden LGBTQ+ history and leading role in the gay rights struggle. This amazing 2 part PBS special is available on demand and highlights.

"Years before Stonewall, LGBTQ+ Wisconsinites fought against oppressive homophobia, eventually forming a movement that would score unprecedented civil rights protections. Informal networks centered on gay bars, an independent press and acts of public protest supported legislative efforts that would make Wisconsin known as "The Gay Rights State." " *Wisconsin PBS*

To watch the documentary click [here](#).



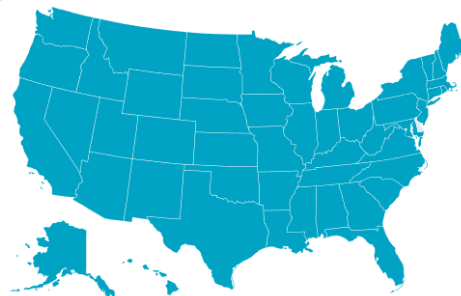
Events

Colorful and Connected - Skate Night

Skate night was an evening filled with black and brown queer joy! Our C&C mentor, Zy, showcased their remarkable skills on the skating rink, while Venus gave it their all. Long-term member Kori also impressed us with their rollerblading prowess. It was a fantastic night that brought together both new and returning C&C attendees for a memorable experience.



ADVOCACY
RAISE Action



Click on a state to see bills



[Join the RAISE group](#)

Good news! The number of failed bills is on the rise!

Thanks in part to the RAISE list, we helped get over 200 people in support of the Drag Queen Story Hour at the library to help provide a safe event.

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

Since January 1st, 2023...

562 bills

49 states

79 passed 354 active

129 failed

QUEER BOOK CLUB

August's Read: Journal of a Black Queer Nurse

"In this searing, honest memoir, a Black queer emergency-room nurse works the front lines of care during COVID-19. Britney Daniels is a Black, masculine-presenting, tattooed lesbian from a working-class background. For the last five years, she has been working as an emergency-room nurse."

"She began *Journal of a Black Queer Nurse* as a personal diary, a tool to heal from the day-to-day traumas of seeing too much and caring too much. Hilarious, gut-wrenching, and infuriating by turns, these stories are told from the perspective of a deeply empathetic, no-nonsense young nurse, who highlights the

**JOURNAL OF A
BLACK
QUEER
NURSE**

BRITNEY DANIELS

way race, inequality, and a profit-driven healthcare system make the hospital a place where systemic racism is lived"...*Bookshop.org*

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, August 29th on Zoom.**



QUEER BOOK CLUB

Radical Change Through Real Talk



LOOKING AHEAD

Movie Night at the Center

For the month of August, we are stepping into the ring to learn about queer history in the WWE Royal Rumbles! Yes, it's a thing. Join Jack, our wrestling consultant, and dress as your favorite WWE wrestler.

This month we are showcasing the queer classic **WWE Royal Rumble**. The film will be shown on August 12th, at the Center. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

QUEER MOVIE NIGHT PRESENTS:

ROYAL RUMBLE NIGHT

Viewing & Talkback

Sat. AUG 12TH | 6:30-9 pm | 1456 Junction Ave



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

FREE &
HYBRID

JUNE

29TH

VISION BOARDS

W/ OUR BESTIE, BRITTANY FROM AURORA

5:30- 7:00 PM

1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

JULY

EVERY 1ST

AND 3RD

WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH

WALK WEDNESDAYS

W/ YOUTH COORDINATOR, PATRICIA

Location: Samuel Meyers Park

JULY

TBD

GRAPHIC DESIGN- HEAT PRESS SERIES

W/ OUR BESTIE, KORI

1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

JULY

15TH

12:00 PM

FAMILY GARDENING

W/ GARDEN OF EATIN'

Location: 2300 57th Street, Kenosha

AUGUST

17TH

JEWELRY MAKING

5:30- 7:00 PM

1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

JULY

22ND

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

STORY HOUR

W/ YOUTH COORDINATOR, PATRICIA

Location: Virtual on Zoom

SEPTEMBER

TBD

PORTRAIT SERIES

W/ OUR BESTIE, ALYSSA

1456 Junction Ave, Racine 53403

AUGUST

TBD

TBD

Location: TBD

YOUTH PICNIC

PARENT/GUARDIAN BRUNCH

TBD

TBD

URBAN SKETCHING- KOHLER ART MUSEUM TRIP

W/ OUR BESTIE, KATHI WILSON FROM RAC

UPDATED INFO AT LGBTSEWI.ORG

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



Youth Programming Youth Art Night

Join us this **Thursday, July 27th** from **5:30-7:00 PM** at the LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin (1546 Junction Ave, Racine) to make your own t-shirt! Learn design and heat press skills from Kori!

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 7/27

The LGBT Center of SE Wisconsin Presents:

T-Shirt Design!

w/ our bestie, Kori!

5:30 PM to
7:00 PM

1456 Junction Ave.
Racine, WI 53403

We will supply blank T-shirts. Bring any extra item of clothing you'd like to print a design on.



You will learn:

- design 101
- heat press 101



SOUNDS

QAY

PM IN!

Have questions or need disability accommodations? Email our

Youth Coordinator Patricia at patricia@lgbtsewi.org

Youth Programming Youth

In collaboration with BeLeaf Survivors, we are co-hosting a summer LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Peer Support Group.

Join us in person at the Racine Public Library, August 26th from 12:30-2:00 PM.

Middle & High School Students Wanted!

LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Peer Support Group

FREE Open Group for LGBTQ+ Youth & Allies

 community building 
 personal wellness 
 fun activities 
 group reads 
 refreshments & snacks 

Every 4th Saturday of the month

12:30-2:00 PM

Racine Public Library
75 7th St., Racine, WI
53403

July 22

August
26

Sept
23



Let us know you'll join us at lravenwolf@beleafsurvivors.org

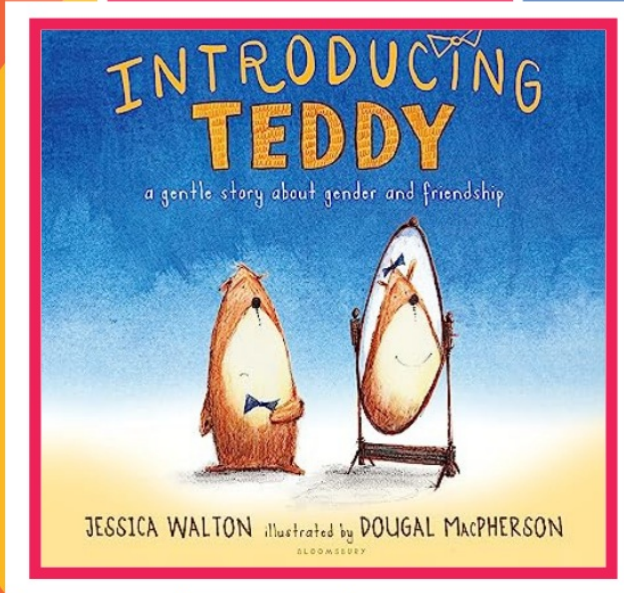
Youth Programming Storytime

Join us **Saturday, August 26th** for Storytime with Paty! See below for the Zoom link.

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Storytime

11 AM-12 PM



with Pary!



Join us on ZOOM for a reading of "Introducing Teddy: A story about being yourself" followed by a BEAR-y cute craft!

Questions? Email patricia@lgbtsewi.org



Support Groups

2023 Calendar 07-23

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

Parenting with Pride West of the "I"

Join Parenting with Pride, West of the "I". The group is a collaboration with Jeanne Costanza (a proud parent of an LGBTQ+ young adult) and the Center's Youth Coordinator, Patricia Castillo, hosted at the Salem Library. Sign up using the QR code below and join other parents for these important conversations.

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

RESOURCES

SHARE AND
PROCESS
STORIES

ADVOCACY



SCAN QR CODE FOR ZOOM LINK!

QUESTIONS/DISABILITY ACCOMMODATIONS?
EMAIL INFO@LGBTSEWI.ORG

OUTbuilding
COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Trusting Your Journey Gender Affirming Care

Burlington has many cool surprises and one is Clinical Social Worker and Therapist **Lisa Daujotas** (she/her) who specializes in Gender Affirming care.

Why do you think it is important to provide these services in SE Wisconsin at this time?

"I have lived and worked in the SE Wisconsin area for over 16 years now. I have worked within 2 of the major healthcare systems within the area so I know how difficult access to mental health services is right now. Services specifically identified for the LGBTQIA+ community are even harder to access. For many the only option is to travel into Milwaukee or Madison or be limited to virtual only. I am committed to bringing my 36 years of experience to SE Wisconsin in hopes of bringing quality mental health care closer to home."

"My desire to join folks on the journey to a better self, has always been focused on action, moving, and getting unstuck from the space you feel stuck in."

Feel free to [email](#) me.



The Greater Milwaukee Foundation Eldon E. Murray Fund Youth Programs in Kenosha

The Center received its first grant for Youth Programming in the City of Kenosha for the 2023-24 school year. This program is possible because of two grants. The first funding is from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation Eldon E. Murray Fund and our second funder, the United Way of Kenosha County, will be featured next month.

It has been a goal of the Center to provide training to Kenosha and are thrilled to provide this service to our Kenosha families. Program dates and activity details will be available soon.



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