LGBTQI:

A Bibliography of Recent Resources

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*Annotations have been excerpted from descriptions provided by the publishers.

302.23 E85
**Staying real : teens confront sexual stereotypes [DVD] = être ou paraître? les jeunes face aux stéréotypes sexuels**
*Summary:* Preteens and adolescents discuss the adverse effects of the sexual stereotypes with which they are constantly bombarded. They talk about how hard it is to develop their own personality and make friends when they don’t conform to media and advertising images. Presented in French and English for 11- to 13-year olds.
*Subjects:* Sex role; Mass media and teenagers; Mass media and children; Gender identity.

305.3071 M612
Meyer, Elizabeth J.
**Gender and sexual diversity in schools : an introduction**
*Summary:* Topics such as working with same-sex parented families in elementary schools; integrating gender and sexual diversity topics into the curriculum; addressing homophobic bullying and sexual harassment; advising gay-straight alliances; and supporting a transgender or gender non-conforming student are addressed. The suggestions offered by this book are based on recent research evidence and legal decisions to help educators handle the various situations professionally and from an ethical and legally defensible perspective.
*Subjects:* Sex differences in education; Gender identity; Study and teaching; Sex role; Study and teaching.

306.76 G285
**Gay, straight and accepted [DVD]**
*Summary:* Life can get confusing for adolescents when they begin to develop sexual attractions. Through the perspective of straight teenagers, we meet students coming to terms with how they feel and dealing with the anxiety of coming out. We meet Noel, who became extremely depressed because she did not know how to deal with being a lesbian, and Sam, who is a victim of homophobic harassment. In the end, students will realize that sexual orientation should not be isolating.
*Subjects:* Nonfiction films; Homosexuality; Sexual orientation; Gay teenagers; Lesbian teenagers; Educational films.

306.76 S689
Solomon, Steven
**Homophobia : deal with it and turn prejudice into pride**
*Summary:* Discusses what homophobia is and what it isn’t, and suggests ways to deal with it whether you’re the target, the homophobe, or the witness.
*Subjects:* Homophobia in schools; Homophobia in schools; Prevention; Homophobia; Juvenile literature.
306.766 L651
**The letter Q : queer writers’ notes to their younger selves**
*Summary:* In this anthology, 63 award-winning authors such as Michael Cunningham, Amy Bloom, Jacqueline Woodson, Gregory Maguire, David Levithan, and Armistead Maupin make imaginative journeys into their pasts, telling their younger selves what they would have liked to know then about their lives as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people.
*Subjects:* Self-acceptance; Coming out (Sexual orientation); Gaysδ Identity.

306.766 S518
**Sexual orientation and gender identity: recommended fiction and nonfiction resources for K-12 schools**
Edmonton, AB: Edmonton Public Schools, 2013.
*Summary:* A concerted effort has been made to include high quality, age-appropriate materials for a wide variety of students and learning styles.
*Subjects:* Homosexualityδ Bibliography; Gender identityδ Bibliography; Sexual orientationδ Bibliography.

306.766 W555
**Whatling, Michael**
*A vigil for Joe Rose : stories of being out in high school*
*Summary:* A collection of stories told with empathy and humour about the experience of being out in high school. As a unified collection, these eight short stories and a novella chart the journey of the main characters from first coming out to their growth into confident young gay men, and the challenges, triumphs, and losses along the way.
*Subjects:* Coming out (Sexual orientation)δ Fiction; High schoolsδ Fiction; Homosexualityδ Fiction.

306.7550835 188
**It gets better : coming out, overcoming bullying, and creating a life worth living**
*Summary:* It Gets Better is a collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people, because while many LGBT teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can.
*Subjects:* Gay teenagers; Coming out (Sexual orientation); Bullying.

306.768 T772
**Trans bodies, trans selves : a resource for the transgender community**
*Summary:* This is a reader-friendly guide for transgender people, with each chapter written by transgender or gender queer authors. Each chapter takes the reader through an important transgender issue, such as race, religion, employment, medical and surgical transition, mental health topics, relationships, sexuality, parenthood, arts and culture, and many more.
Subjects: Gender identity; Transgenderism; Transgender people.

306.874 O29
Oelschlager, Vanita
A tale of two daddies
Summary: Set in the playground, a young boy asks a young girl if it is true that she has two dads. She says that is right; she has Poppa and Daddy. The young boy asks her questions about which Dad does what. In her response to the questions, the young girl explains the role of each Dad within the family.
Subjects: Homosexuality; Juvenile fiction; Children of gay parents; Juvenile fiction.

306.8740866 F533
Fisher, Emily S., and Kennedy, Kelly S.
Responsive school practices to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning students and families
Summary: This book provides a practical and useful guide for school-based mental health professionals to support students, families, teachers, and administrators in the development of a safe, inclusive school environment for all LGBTQ students and families. It begins with an overview of the unique issues and challenges faced by LGBTQ students and families, including a discussion of sexuality and gender identity development within the interconnected contexts of home, school, and community. Practical steps are given for creating an inclusive school environment; implementing prevention and intervention techniques to address discrimination, bullying, and violence; and organizing effective counseling programs for LGBTQ students.
Subjects: Sexual minority students; Social work with sexual minority youth; Sexual minorities; Sexual minority parents.

362.28 W576
Whispers of life [DVD]
Canada: Turbid Lake Pictures, 2013.
Summary: Deep in his thoughts and enjoying the peaceful surroundings, Tom, a gay teenager, is jolted out of his quaint and meditative park retreat by painful and homophobic words from his classmate. A few benches over sits Charles, a man in his late forties who witnesses the bullying. After the bullies leave, and to Tom's surprise, Charles appears right next to him. The two strike up a conversation that quickly turns serious when Tom asks if Charles has ever thought about suicide. In this magical story about the interdependence of imagination and survival, and their life-changing connection, the boundaries between stranger/friend and survival/suicide are challenged when Charles takes Tom on a fantastical journey into Tom's imagination that will forever alter the course of Tom's future and life.
Subjects: Homophobia; Bullying; Suicide; Prevention; Gay teenagers; Suicidal behavior; Video recordings for the hearing impaired.

370.86 B628
Blackburn, Mollie V.
Interrupting hate: homophobia in schools and what literacy can do about it

Summary: This book focuses on the problems of heterosexism and homophobia in schools and explores how these forms of oppression impact LGBTQQ youth, as well as all young people. The author shows how concerned teachers can engage students in literacy practices both in and out of school to develop positive learning environments. The featured vignettes focus on fostering student agency, promoting student activism, and nurturing student allies.

Subjects: Homophobia in schools; Prevention; Toleration; Study and teaching; Literacy; Study and teaching.

371.782 S128

Safe at school toolkit: bullying prevention, equity and inclusive education.
Toronto, ON: Centre Ontarien de Prevention des Agressions, 2014.

Summary: Contents: Titles: Books: Creating Safe Schools: A Bullying Prevention Guide to Teachers; Promoting Equity and Inclusive Education in Schools: A Teacher's Guide. DVDs: Hear Me Out: Stories for Schools About Equity and Inclusive Education; Taking Bullying Seriously!; Testimonies About Bullying Among Students.

Subjects: Inclusive education; Study and teaching (Elementary); Ontario; School violence; Prevention; Study and teaching (Elementary); Ontario; Homophobia in schools; Ontario; Prevention; Inclusive education; Ontario; Sexism in education; Bullying in schools; Racism in education.

371.826 D523

DeWitt, Peter

Dignity for all: safeguarding LGBT students

Summary: Students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered are susceptible to harassment from peers and are at high risk of dropping out of school. This book provides professional development ideas and real-life vignettes that will help educational leaders foster a more caring school culture not only for LGBT students, but for all students.

Subjects: Transgender youth; Education; Schools; Safety measures; Handbooks, manuals, etc.; Gay students; Bisexual students; Lesbian students.

371.8266 B586

Biegel, Stuart

The right to be out: sexual orientation and gender identity in America's public schools

Summary: Despite significant advances for gay and transgender persons, the public school environment remains daunting, even frightening, as evidenced by numerous high-profile incidents of discrimination, bullying, violence, and suicide. This book begins with a history and analysis of the dramatic legal developments concerning the rights of LGBT persons since 1968. The author then turns to what K-12 schools should do and in many cases have already done to implement right-to-be-out policies.

Subjects: Sexual orientation; United States; Public schools; Social aspects; United States; Homosexuality and education; United States; Gender identity in education; United States.
Lindsey, Randall B, and Diaz, Richard M.

**Culturally proficient response to LGBT communities : a guide for educators**

*Summary:* This book is guide for educators to collaboratively combat issues of discrimination, inequity, and bullying through the review of current policies, practices, and deeply held assumptions about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered (LGBT) communities. This inside-out approach carries readers through a personal journey of reflection to action by using the Tools of Cultural Proficiency to examine their values, beliefs, and assumptions about how LGBT communities are served educationally.

*Subjects:* Transgender youth Education; Gay students; Lesbian students; Bisexual students; Public schools Social aspects; Schools Safety measures.

Mayo, Cris

**LGBTQ youth and education : policies and practices**

*Summary:* Based on the diverse experiences of LGBTQ students and their allies, this essential volume brings together in one resource the major issues that schools must address to improve the educational outcomes for gender and sexual minority students, as well as all students. Many of these issues involve negative school-based experiences that teachers and administrators need to be aware of as they interact with students on a daily basis, including those that encourage dropping out, substance abuse, and disproportionate thoughts of suicide. This insightful work not only examines the challenges of discrimination, harassment, and alienation that LGBTQ youth face, but it also captures students' resilience and creativity in organizing against those challenges

*Subjects:* Homosexuality and education; Gay youth Education.


*Summary:* This document is intended to address the most commonly asked questions regarding the gender identity of youth in school settings. The goal of this resource is to assist educators, curriculum and program planners, school administrators, policy-makers and health professionals in the creation of supportive and healthy school environments for youth struggling with issues of gender identity.

*Subjects:* Sexual minority students Education Canada; Sex instruction Canada; Gender identity; Gender identity in schools Canada.


*Summary:* In this volume, teachers from urban, suburban, and rural districts join together in a teacher inquiry group to challenge homophobia and heterosexism in schools and classrooms. To create safe learning environments for all students they address key topics, including seizing
teachable moments, organizing faculty, deciding whether to come out in the classroom, using LGBTQ-inclusive texts, running a Gay-Straight Alliance, changing district policy to protect LGBTQ teachers and students, dealing with resistant students, and preparing preservice teachers to do antihomophobia work.

*Subjects*: Sexual minority students, Violence against; Sexism in education, Prevention; Homophobia in high schools, Prevention; Homophobia in schools, Prevention.

371.82664 C437

**Challenging homophobia and heterosexism: a K-12 curriculum resource guide**

Toronto, ON: TDSB Equitable and Inclusive Schools, 2011.

*Summary*: *Challenging Homophobia and Heterosexism: A K-12 Curriculum Resource Guide* is and amalgamated, revised, and updated version of previous anti-homophobia curriculum resource guides and documents produced by the Equitable and Inclusive Schools Team, the Human Rights Office, Library and Learning Resources, and classroom teachers of the Toronto District School Board in partnership with a number of community organizations.

*Subjects*: Gender identity; Homophobia; Homosexuality and education; Sex role in education; Heterosexism; Education, Elementary—Ontario; Toronto—Curricula; Homophobia in education; Classroom environment.

371.82664 M612

Meyer, Elizabeth J.

**Gender, bullying, and harassment: strategies to end sexism and homophobia in schools**


*Summary*: Bullying and harassment remain serious impediments to learning for far too many students. In this thoughtful book, Dr. Meyer helps readers understand why this troubling behavior occurs and persists, and offers clear and easy-to-implement action steps for both individuals and institutions that are truly committed to creating environments where everyone can learn.

*Subjects*: Homophobia in schools; Sexism in education; Bullying in schools; School violence.

373.158 S559

Short, Donn

**Don’t be so gay! Queers, bullying, and making schools safe**


*Summary*: Recent cases of teen suicide linked with homophobic bullying have thrust the issue of school safety into the national spotlight. In *Don’t Be So Gay! Queers, Bullying, and Making Schools Safe*, Donn Short considers the effectiveness of safe-school legislation. Drawing on interviews with queer youth and their allies in the Toronto area, Short concludes that current legislation is more responsive than proactive.

*Subjects*: Bullying in schools; Government policy; Ontario; Bullying in schools; Prevention; Case studies; Gay high school students; Social conditions; Case studies; Homophobia in high schools; Bullying in schools; Case studies.
Sykes, Heather Jane

**Queer bodies: sexualities, genders, and fatness in physical education**


*Summary:* Provides a critical examination of discrimination based on sexuality, gender, and body size in Canadian physical education. This book illustrates how students with queer bodies—whether lesbian, gay, transgendered, or overweight or fat—cope with homophobia, transphobia, and fat phobia in physical education.

*Subjects:* Physical education and training Canada; Overweight teenagers Canada; Social conditions; Human body Social aspects Canada; Gay youth Canada; Social conditions.

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**Sample Articles**


