

LGBTQ Statement

OUR COMMITMENT

The Newark Public Library (NPL) is committed to serving the city's LGBTQ community, and has created a designated LGBTQ space within the Main Library at 5 Washington Street. Our LGBTQ Librarian, Candice M Delgardio, is dedicated to serving patrons, maintaining and expanding the collection, programming, and community outreach. The library serves as an open, safe, inclusive, and welcoming space, where individuals are comfortable to be themselves. The NPL LGBTQ space is also the new home for the Newark LGBTQ Community Center and will, in 2019-2021, take residence in the Main Library.

OUR PARTNERS

The Newark Public Library seeks to provide a variety of services and programs to the diverse LGBTQ communities. During the outset of this new initiative, the LGBTQ Librarian is actively contacting community organizations in order to build relationships, to learn more about individuals' wants and needs, and to create an awareness of what NPL has to offer. Among the city's most prominent groups are the Newark LGBTQ Community Center, Queer Newark, Rutgers-Newark LGBT Students and Allies, Newark Pride, and the African American Office of Gay Concerns, Newark Community Health Centers, Newark Police Department, Newark Public Schools, and Project WOW. The goal is to work together with these organizations, and more, to provide what the LGBTQ community needs and is interested in.

OUR RESOURCES

The LGBTQ materials collection is receiving updating and relocation into the designated LGBTQ library space on the first floor of the Main Library; Candice Delgardio will also advise librarians throughout The Newark Public Library of materials appropriate for their collections: circulating and reference materials, periodicals, databases, etc. Candice will employ a variety of sources, including patrons' suggestions, to guide acquisitions.

For more information on LGBTQ resources please visit NPL's Web Guide at:
<http://nplwebguides.pbworks.com/w/page/24485810/GLBTI>

OUR PROGRAMMING

High quality programming with attention to intersectionalities will be another focus of the LGBTQ Librarian. The Library is continuing its popular Drag Queen Story Hours and Bingo events, and we expect to expand events and activities, such as community programs, book groups, author/filmmaker/speaker events, social gatherings, exhibits/displays, information sessions, health programs, and celebrations (International Transgender Day of Visibility, GLBT Book Month, National Coming Out Day, etc.). In addition, referrals to community services will be provided in person and via the Library's LGBTQ Web Guide.



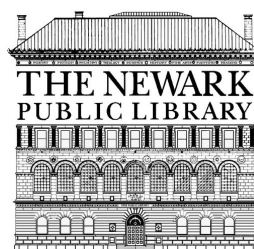
PAST NPL LGBTQ EVENTS

- Drag Queen Story Hour
- Drag Queen Bingo
- LGBTQ Prom
- Kiki Ball
- Adult Game/Craft Nights

The Newark Public Library is increasingly integrated into the City and will participate in

activities throughout Newark. Staff will continue to work with community organizations and agencies to advocate for all residents' rights and will promote awareness of LGBTQ contributions to our society. We particularly welcome opportunities to partner with schools in showcasing LGBTQ history, and we commit to advancing civil liberties and opportunities for all.

For further information, please contact LGBTQ Librarian Candice M Delgardio, cdelgardio@npl.org



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