

Webinar Chat Transcript: Serving LGBTQ Teens

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Joanne Roukens 2:Hi, everyone!

Joanne Roukens 2:We are chatting and doing sound checks.

Joanne Roukens 2:If you can hear us, please take moment to let us know in the chat box.

Joanne Roukens 2:Good evening everyone! This is Joanne Roukens. I am providing tech support this afternoon. If you have any problems with your audio/video during the program, we find that exiting and re-entering the meeting room fixes most things. If your problem persists or you are having another tech issue, please call me at 201-874-6885

Kathleen Breitenbach:audio works

Joanne Roukens 2:Thanks, Kathleen.

Jamie Dunn:audio works

Sophie Brookover:Welcome, everyone!

Kathleen Breitenbach:Hamilton Township Public Library (Mercer County)

Kathleen Breitenbach:It was drizzling earlier. I'm not sure about now.

Sophie Brookover:It's coming down pretty steadily here in South Jersey. Not heavily, but in such a way to make everything quite squishy.

Kathleen Breitenbach:books with lgbtq characters that I somehow missed, programming for diverse crowds without making teens feel they have to self-identify a certain way, etc.

Gina Cacace:Hi everyone! I'm looking forward to another great webinar by Megan.

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Amanda Heidema:hello!

Megan Leuthner:Thanks for hosting!

Gina Cacace:audio is great! hello!

Sophie Brookover:#LLNJ_lgbtq

Joanne Roukens 2:And to Like us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/librarylinknj/

Sophie Brookover:@vonmeggz

Sophie Brookover:@librarylinknj

Deborah Cohen:Hi everyone! High school librarian hoping to learn about some books I can add to my collection

Megan Leuthner:I'm just looking for general insight into the topic because it's not something that's really addressed here at GCU but it should be since we've got a pretty pronounced student population that falls into any number of the LGBTQ categories

Megan Leuthner:Yes :)

Megan Leuthner:Well college freshman are certainly teens

Megan Leuthner:I think it kind of goes for us as a double whammy because we're private and catholic so its just not talked about

Sandra Eckert:All good here. :-)

Julie Tozer:Hallo!

Kathleen Breitenbach:Megan - I totally understand. I went to a private Catholic college (and high school and grade school...). Diversity wasn't so much celebrated and hidden.

Kathleen Breitenbach:as hidden

Julie Tozer:Super excited for this webinar, too!

Julie Tozer:Haha :)

Sheila Kirven:I am an academic librarian, Education Serviuces, so I am interested in LGBTQ Teens, as that is whom our teachers will be serving. It is also useful, because now teacher candidates have to be prepared fo deal with bullying, from which many LGBTQ Teens may be susceptible.

Darby:Hi! Delighted to be here!

Sharon Rawlins:Hi all. I'm the Youth Services Consultant from the State Library.

Carol Nawrocki:I am in a high school and run a book club and these kids do not have many activites to join in on and I would like welcome them to mine

Joanne Roukens 2:Connect to last week's webinar -

<http://librarylinknj.org/content/supporting-teen-street-lit-readers>

Sophie Brookover:<http://www.meganhonig.com/libraries>

Sophie Brookover:This slide cracks me up.

Kathleen Breitenbach:I love the pic ;)

Sophie Brookover:Can you talk about the difference b/w genderqueer & gender non-conforming?

Sophie Brookover:Wonderful -- thanks!

Sophie Brookover:That URL should have opened up in your browser, behind this meeting room window.

Sophie Brookover:We'll be posting all of the links to the web page for this webinar tomorrow!

Sophie Brookover:Yes. :-)

Sandra Eckert:Absolutely. :-)

Darby:yep

Carol Nawrocki:yes

Gina Cacace:yes!

Megan Leuthner:indeed

Sheila Kirven:yes

Sophie Brookover:Folks, you can give a thumbs-up instead, if you prefer. :-)

Joanne Roukens 2:The link on our webpage for this webinar is

<http://librarylinknj.org/content/serving-lgbtq-teens>

Sophie Brookover:Thanks, Joanne!

Keisha M. Miller:Hello everyone! Logging in a little late!

Keisha M. Miller:hello! thanks! :-)

Sophie Brookover:Glad you're here!

Gina Cacace:It's all good here
Carol Nawrocki:great
Sheila Kirven:this is great
sharon rawlins:Wow. That's a high #!
sharon rawlins:I did. Glad you mentioned it.
Sophie Brookover:Ugh, I read that article -- chilling.
Julie Tozer:Sigh.
sharon rawlins:Have unisex bathrooms?
Keisha M. Miller:yes, we have one that's also handicap accessible.
Kathleen Breitenbach:"Family" bathrooms? :)
Sophie Brookover:Did the Peeing In Peace PDF load for you? Mine didn't load properly at first.
Sophie Brookover:I will send it out again, if you need.
Sheila Kirven:I didn't see it at all
Sophie Brookover:ok, I'll send it again!
Sophie Brookover:<http://transgenderlawcenter.org/pdf/PIP%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>
sharon rawlins:I just got an error message.
Sophie Brookover:Something about the spacing is making it not work quite right.
Megan Leuthner:the URL for the PIP pdf is coming up as not found
Sophie Brookover:Sorry about that!
Sophie Brookover:No -- I think it's the %20
Joanne Roukens 2:Let me go find it!
Sandra Eckert:I clicked the link and it worked.
Sophie Brookover:Oh, good! Thanks, Sandra.
Joanne Roukens 2:Peeing in Peace -
<http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/pdf/PIP%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>
Keisha M. Miller:<http://www.transgenderlawcenter.org/pdf/PIP%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>
Keisha M. Miller:you beat me to it Joanne! :-)
Joanne Roukens 2:LOL!
Sophie Brookover:It looks like the link works here in the chatbox -- just click it.
Sophie Brookover:& you'll get there.
Sandra Eckert:No problem Sophie. :-) Interesting pdf...
sharon rawlins:Looks like a great article.
Sophie Brookover:Can you suggest better ways to say some of these things? I know I say things like, "this young lady" or "this young man is looking for..."
Kathleen Breitenbach:"This patron is looking for..."
sharon rawlins:I accidently did that over the phone because the person sounded more male than female.
Sandra Eckert:GREAT question Sophie!
Sophie Brookover:Right!
Joanne Roukens 2:how about "person"
Sophie Brookover:"Kiddo" was a go-to for me in my HS library
Sophie Brookover:They.
Kathleen Breitenbach:"guys" has become fairly gender non-specific

Gina Cacace:I like to say that "we're looking" for something that way I show unity with the person in their issue

Sophie Brookover:Oh, that's nice, Gina! I like it!

Sandra Eckert:Good one Gina!

Keisha M. Miller:It took a while but there's a patron who is visibly a male, but prefers to be called by a female name. All about respecting the patron, so I roll with it

sharon rawlins:~)

Kathleen Breitenbach:sexuality and gender are continuums

Megan Leuthner:@ Keisha, we had a professor who wanted to be called "talks to trees" that one was just as interesting to get used to, but like you said just roll with it

Keisha M. Miller:talks to trees?...o-k

Sophie Brookover:Whoo!

sharon rawlins:I really like him.

Keisha M. Miller:he's also my AMAZING professor!!

Keisha M. Miller::~)

sharon rawlins:Great fashion sense.

Gina Cacace:yes

sharon rawlins:Yes. Great ideas.

Carol Nawrocki:sure

Darby:I've also discovered that if you do a book display, its great to have duplicate copies in the stacks. Teens might see something they want on a display, but grabbing it from a big display called "LGBTQ BOOKS" is not something they want to do

Gina Cacace:Great idea!

sharon rawlins:Thanks Darby. I love that idea.

Julie Tozer:Yes, it's sometimes come up "why don't you have a 'separate' lgbtq section?" And that's our answer.

Julie Tozer:(@ Darby)

Sheila Kirven:You can also provide an electronic booklist of the books on display-so thaye can be easily found when returned to the shelves

Darby:Haha Julie, I've heard that suggestion too.

Julie Tozer:So of course they're always on display! But not with a giant sign overhead!

Darby:Exactly! :)

Kathleen Breitenbach:If a community has *no* queer or transgender teens, that's got to be a really *scary* place (or just a place with no teens)

sharon rawlins:I agree!

Julie Tozer:Anime fans are so advanced in their understandings of sexuality and gender!

Keisha M. Miller:are there any titles where the gay/trans teen is a hero? Lots of "straight" books like that

Deborah Cohen:I recommend a bookk called "Hero" about a gay superhero

Kathleen Breitenbach:Sister Mischief

sharon rawlins:I hadn't heard about Kicked Out. Thanks for mentioning it. I knew the others.

Sophie Brookover:Loooooove Jaqueline Woodson.

sharon rawlins:Me too.

Keisha M. Miller:thanks! is there a resource list I can refer to? Maybe ALA?

Kathleen Breitenbach:ALA has GLBT Round Table - Stonewall Book Awards
Sophie Brookover:Oh, they're coming! :-)
Keisha M. Miller:ok, thanks Megan
Keisha M. Miller:@ Sophie :-)
sharon rawlins:Love Freak Show!
Sandra Eckert:Ash was EXCELLENT.
sharon rawlins:Beautiful story. Love Ash too.
Kathleen Breitenbach:love love love Ash - so happy I have an autographed arc
sharon rawlins:Lucky you!
Sandra Eckert:@Kathleen- lucky you!
sharon rawlins:i've heard wonderful things about this already
Sophie Brookover:Folks, I lost connectivity for a moment -- did you receive all the links I pushed out a few minutes ago?
Jess 2:yes
sharon rawlins:Yes.
Sophie Brookover:Starting w/Scarletteen?
Darby:yes
Keisha M. Miller:yes
Sophie Brookover:Good -- thanks!
Sandra Eckert:Got them- thanks!
Jess 2:Pretty Queer is a teen-g geared website? With a brewery as a sponsor?
Jess 2:Yes. thanks
Jess 2:i see - that makes sense. for us as resources - got it
sharon rawlins:Yes. I looked at Pretty Queer but missed the brewery ad!
Sheila Kirven:Just finished it-Almost Perfect
sharon rawlins:Like it?
Carol Nawrocki:I've learned alot
sharon rawlins:Me too.
Sandra Eckert:Excellent tips and resources.
Sheila Kirven:It was interesting- the cover might lead you to think it was more of a teen romance-let me think more about it
Deborah Cohen:I feel braver now about trying some of these
Gina Cacace:Can you give some more examples of things to say to make sure that teens don't use gay as a slur?
Megan Leuthner:Yeah you've certainly given us a lot to go on, It's going to take me a while to go through all of the information. But it will certainly prove to be hugely helpful of that I'm sure
Sheila Kirven:Can this be shared with some of my professors?
Keisha M. Miller:me too! Some things I was aware of, but a good refresher, and other info I learned of today
sharon rawlins:I do rely on the gay teens' opinions on books.
Julie Tozer:We have a Gay Straight Book Club for teens at my library; they read Almost Perfect and it led to a great discussion -we read some of the criticism of it. They weren't very critical of it themselves, but I think that's because they have - sadly - so few other examples of trans-focused lit to read.

Sophie Brookover:I can't wait to delve more deeply into these resources. Especially Pee in Peace. I don't think I've ever really thought about bathrooms as this very fraught place, which it clearly can be.

Gina Cacace:thanks Megan!

sharon rawlins:I agree about the bathrooms. Ot

Julie Tozer:We're doing Jumpstart the World in the next few months , because that one was so controversial too - and I'll definitely suggest I Am J as a counterpoint.

Darby:@Gina, when I tried to break this habit with college freshmen when I worked in the dorms, I would tell them, how would you feel if I used something about you as a word to describe things I didn't like? What if I said 'That's so tall.' or 'That's so Italian.'? For some of them, putting it in that context helped them understand the problem with it

Carol Nawrocki:I see some shopping in future to expand my collection

Jess 2:I hope there will be more books with gay characters that don't focus on the sexuality aspect - I get tired of trying to explain to our teens that their sexuality shouldn't be what defines them.

Sheila Kirven:Also counting off people by gender- pairing boy, girl, boy girl

sharon rawlins:@Jess. I agree.

Jess 2:Right - at least it's a step.

sharon rawlins:OMG.Yes, teachers always used to do that.

Gina Cacace:Darby - thanks! As long as it doesn't lead to more name calling and labeling

Darby:Haha well, yes. I was working with college students so you might have to tweak the technique a bit for the younger teens :)

Sheila Kirven:I meant can I share the archived recording with professors?

Sophie Brookover:I read this AGES ago, but Nick's bandmates in Nick & Norah are very matter-of-factly gay.

Julie Tozer:I haven't read them, but Eon and Eona by Alison Goodman?

Keisha M. Miller:I'd like to see some titles for the younger teens, but older tweens. Makes sense? like the 11 and 12 yo

Darby:Did anyone say Will Grayson yet?

Deborah Cohen:Love Will Grayson!

Sophie Brookover:Oh, Tiny Cooper!

Darby:me too! and my boyfriend love it too

sharon rawlins:Me too! Tiny Cooper rocks

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Sophie Brookover:He is so just completely who he is.

Sophie Brookover:(Tiny, I mean, though that goes for David, too.)

sharon rawlins:Julie Ann Peters is another good author.

Sophie Brookover:I also read Parrotfish, by Ellen Wittlinger, which I thought was more important than good.

sharon rawlins:LOL.

Sophie Brookover:It was SUPER heavy-handed.

Sophie Brookover:But then, the way we read, as adults who read constantly, is going to be different from how a teen reads that story.

Jess 2:Have we mentioned Francesca Lia Block?

Sophie Brookover:FLB! Yay!

Jess 2:Wow!

Jess 2:Yay!

sharon rawlins:Quirky characters.

Jess 2:Yes. At least here.

Jess 2:We actually are going to use one for book club.

Sophie Brookover:I'm reading a book right now that is strongly influenced by FLB, called The Sharp Time, by Mary O'Connell.

Jennifer Neely:emily in pretty little liars struggles wth her sexuality including family issues, being blackmailed and pressure of girlfriend to own she is not ready to own.omething

sharon rawlins:Yes, I think they still are. Maybe not everywhere but some are.

Sophie Brookover:I used to booktalk her all the time at my school.

Sophie Brookover:Yeah, she resonates strongly w/the Sassy generation.

Kathleen Breitenbach:I really liked Lauren Myracle's inclusion of lesbian parents for one of the girls in her Love Ya Bunches

Sophie Brookover:Oh, yes, Kathleen!

Sophie Brookover:That series is beyond wonderful.

Kathleen Breitenbach:I say that as someone with two dads

Jess 2:I thought there was a gay character in the Weetzie Bat books - but its been a long time since I've read them.

sharon rawlins:She's such a great author.

Keisha M. Miller:Everyone this is really great! Megan, awesome job again! But I gtg..duties of a library student calls! :-)

Joanne Roukens 2:Think of Bess and George in Nancy Drew

Keisha M. Miller:goodnight!

Keisha M. Miller:will do! :-)

Deborah Cohen:Night everyone!

Joanne Roukens 2:Please take a comment to fill out our evaluation form for this webinar

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Megan Leuthner:Time for me to bow out as well, Night all!

sharon rawlins:Bye!

Megan Leuthner:And Megan thanks again it was wonderful!

Sophie Brookover:Thanks for joining us!

Sheila Kirven:This was fantastic- Thank you-- Will this be a book too?

Sophie Brookover:Hint, hint.

Sophie Brookover:YES.

sharon rawlins:Yes.

Carol Nawrocki:Thank-you and good night

Sophie Brookover:Which I'm sure you can write in your copious free time!

Jamie Dunn:Thank you! Have a good night!

Sandra Eckert:Will you be doing future webinars Megan?

sharon rawlins:Nite Megan! Wonderful presentation. Thank so much!

Gina Cacace:This was wonderful, thank you Megan. You are inspiring and so knowledgable!

Jess 2:Thanks - have a great night.

Darby:Thanks Megan - and thanks, Sophie for your last-minute help!

Darby:Me too :)

Darby:Night all

sharon rawlins:Bye, everyone.Thanks Sophie and Joanne.

Gina Cacace:good night!

Joanne Roukens 2:Good night Sharon

Julie Tozer:Thank you! Awesome time! Good night.

sharon rawlins:The Waltons?

Joanne Roukens 2:WE sound like the Waltons

Kathleen Breitenbach:good night Jim Bob...

Joanne Roukens 2:no

Sandra Eckert:Megan- will you be doing future webinars?

Kathleen Breitenbach:none that we *know* about...

Joanne Roukens 2:if there were, they were closeted!

Sandra Eckert:Ok- I'll keep my eye out. :-)

Joanne Roukens 2:right

Sandra Eckert::-D

Sandra Eckert:Thank you - excellent presentation!