

JUNE 2023

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HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

AS WE CELEBRATE AND
HONOR THE LGBTQ+
COMMUNITY, THIS COLLECTION
AIMS TO PROVIDE A WEALTH
OF MATERIALS, INFORMATION,
AND SUPPORT. WHETHER YOU
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+ OR ARE
AN ALLY SEEKING TO LEARN
MORE, THIS LIST
ENCOMPASSES AN ARRAY OF
RESOURCES TO HELP DEEPEN
YOUR UNDERSTANDING,
PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY, AND
FOSTER ACCEPTANCE. FROM
BOOKS AND FILMS TO
ORGANIZATIONS AND ONLINE
PLATFORMS, WE'VE GATHERED
A DIVERSE RANGE OF TOOLS
THAT HIGHLIGHT THE BEAUTY,
STRUGGLES, AND TRIUMPHS
OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

- GLAAD: GLAAD IS A MEDIA ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR UNDERSTANDING LGBTQ+ ISSUES AND PROMOTES ACCURATE AND INCLUSIVE MEDIA REPRESENTATION.
- HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN (HRC): HRC OFFERS EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES ON LGBTQ+ RIGHTS, ISSUES, AND ADVOCACY.
- IT GETS BETTER PROJECT: THIS PROJECT SHARES STORIES AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT LGBTQ+ YOUTH AROUND THE WORLD.

BOOKS

- THE ULTIMATE LGBTQ+ PRIDE BOOK LIST:
CELEBRATE PRIDE WITH BOOKS BY LGBTQ+ AUTHORS.
- "THE ABC'S OF LGBTQ+" BY ASHLEY MARDELL: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING LGBTQ+ IDENTITIES AND TERMINOLOGY.
- "THIS BOOK IS GAY" BY JUNO DAWSON: AN INCLUSIVE AND INFORMATIVE GUIDE TO ALL ASPECTS OF LGBTQ+ LIFE.
- "STONE BUTCH BLUES" BY LESLIE FEINBERG: A GROUNDBREAKING NOVEL EXPLORING GENDER, IDENTITY, AND ACTIVISM.
- 11 PHENOMENAL BOOKS TO READ FOR LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES

- "PARIS IS BURNING" (1990): A DOCUMENTARY THAT EXPLORES THE DRAG BALL CULTURE IN NEW YORK CITY.
- "MOONLIGHT" (2016): A COMING-OF-AGE DRAMA THAT FOLLOWS THE JOURNEY OF A YOUNG, BLACK, GAY MAN.
- "THE DEATH AND LIFE OF MARSHA P. JOHNSON" (2017): THIS DOCUMENTARY INVESTIGATES THE UNSOLVED DEATH OF TRANSGENDER ACTIVIST MARSHA P. JOHNSON.
- 'GAY CHORUS DEEP SOUTH' (2019): THIS DOCUMENTARY TAKES A LOOK AT LIFE AFTER THE 2016 ELECTION IN THE US AND THE QUEER COMMUNITY IN THE SOUTH.

PODCASTS

- "NANCY" BY WNYC STUDIOS: A PODCAST DISCUSSING QUEER CULTURE, PERSONAL STORIES, AND LGBTQ+ HISTORY.
- "QUEERY" WITH CAMERON ESPOSITO: IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS WITH LGBTQ+ CELEBRITIES, ARTISTS, AND ACTIVISTS.
- "MAKING GAY HISTORY" BY ERIC MARCUS: INTERVIEWS WITH LGBTQ+ PIONEERS WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.
- "IT'S ALL GOOD: A BLOCK CLUB CHICAGO PODCAST": A PODCAST ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS GREAT.

ONLINE COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORT

- TREVORSPACE (WWW.TREVORSPACE.ORG): A SOCIAL NETWORKING SITE FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH, PROVIDING SUPPORT, RESOURCES, AND A SAFE SPACE TO CONNECT.
- R/LGBTQ+ SUBREDDIT (WWW.REDDIT.COM/R/LGBTQ): AN ONLINE COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE CAN SHARE EXPERIENCES, ASK QUESTIONS, AND FIND SUPPORT.

LGBTQ+ ORGANIZATIONS

- THE TREVOR PROJECT: A LEADING ORGANIZATION PROVIDING CRISIS INTERVENTION AND SUICIDE PREVENTION SERVICES FOR LGBTQ+ YOUTH.
- NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY (NCTE): AN ORGANIZATION ADVOCATING FOR POLICY CHANGE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR TRANSGENDER PEOPLE.
- CENTER ON HALSTED: THE MIDWEST'S MOST COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY CENTER DEDICATED TO ADVANCING COMMUNITY AND SECURING THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PEOPLE OF CHICAGOLAND.
- HOWARD BROWN HEALTH: AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE AND MOBILIZES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

HOW TO CELEBRATE IN CHICAGO

- ANDERSONVILLE MIDSOMMARFEST: JUNE 9TH TO 11TH. THIS LEGENDARY STREET FESTIVAL KICKS OFF CHICAGO SUMMER AND PRIDE MONTH.
- PRIDE IN THE PARK: JUNE 23RD AND 24TH. AN ANNUAL OUTDOOR MUSIC FESTIVAL HELD IN CHICAGO'S GRANT PARK FEATURING LGBTQ+ PERFORMERS, ARTISTS, VENDORS AND MORE.
- REELING PRIDE MONTH FILM SHOWCASE: FRIDAYS AT 7PM THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE. MUBI PRESENTS FIVE FEATURE FILMS SHOWCASING GROUNDBREAKING WORKS OF RECENT QUEER CINEMA. THESE CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED FILMS FROM ALL AROUND THE WORLD WILL BE PAIRED WITH LOCAL SHORT FILMS FROM THE CHICAGO FILMMAKERS COMMUNITY.

HOW TO CELEBRATE IN CHICAGO

- CHICAGO PRIDE PARADE: JUNE 25TH. THE ANNUAL PARADE, WHICH STARTED AS A PROTEST MARCH IN 1970 AFTER THE STONEWALL RIOTS IN NEW YORK CITY, HAS GROWN INTO THE CITY'S SECOND-LARGEST PARADE OF NEARLY 200 ENTRIES, TYPICALLY ATTRACTING MORE THAN 1 MILLION PEOPLE TO MULTIPLE NORTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS, PARTICULARLY EAST LAKEVIEW.
- CHICAGO PRIDE FEST: JUNE 17TH AND 18TH. THE 2-DAY STREET FESTIVAL IN THE NORTHALSTED NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURES LIVE MUSIC ON 3 STAGES, A YOUTH PRIDE SPACE FOR TEENS, BEST OF CHICAGO DRAG PERFORMANCE, PROUD PET PARADE, DANCE EXHIBITIONS, CHICAGO GAY MEN'S CHORUS, HIGH HEEL RACE FOR PRIZES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND OVER 150 FOOD AND MERCHANDISE VENDORS.

CHICAGO SPORTS PRIDE NIGHTS

- CHICAGO FIRE FC: JUNE 10TH
- THE CUBS: JUNE 13TH
- CHICAGO SKY: JUNE 22ND

SUPPORT LOCAL LGBTQ+
BUSINESSES

- TAYLOR'S TACOS
- BIG CHICKS
- HUMBOLDT HOUSE
- UNABRIDGED BOOKSTORE
- JENNIVEE'S BAKERY
- SFERA
- DREW'S ON HALSTED
- SPLIT RAIL
- THE POLO INN
- LITO'S TACOS AND EMPANADAS
- WILDE BAR AND RESTAURANT
- BIG JONES
- D.S. TEQUILA COMPANY
- MILKY MILKY ICE CREAM
- TWO HEARTED QUEEN
- BROWN ELEPHANT THRIFT STORE
- HERE HERE MARKET
- CRAM FASHION
- PETTY BUTTER
- WOMEN & CHILDREN FIRST