



LGBT+
booklist



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Islington is proud of its diversity. We have a long and influential history in the growth and support of the LGBT+ community, its organisations and rights through the 20th and into the 21st centuries. As a continuation of this work, Islington's Pride and Islington Library and Heritage Service have been working with Gays the Word on a LGBT+ book list.

The book list includes thirty of some of the best titles available, all of which alongside the book list can be found in each of Islington's ten libraries. The book list includes story books such as **Red: a Crayon's story**, **Donovan's Big Day**, **Are you a boy or a girl?** and information books such as **It's Okay to be Different**, **Who's in a Family**, **I am Jazz** and many more.

Please feel free to help yourself to a copy of the booklist and take it along when you next visit your local library to enjoy these books.

We've put this booklist together as part of our celebration of LGBT History Month 2019 in Islington. Check out our Islingtonlife.london website and our various twitter feeds

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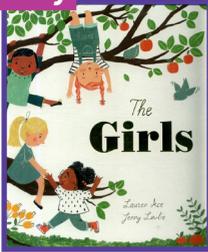
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for more information about the events we will be holding throughout February 2019.

The Girls

Lauren Ace

Story



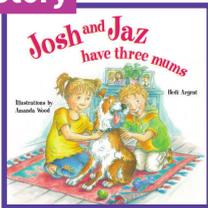
Interest age: under 5

Four little girls meet under an apple tree and form a bond that grows as they share secrets, dreams, worries and schemes. This illustrated tale charts the girls' lives through ups and downs and laughter and tears. Find out how their friendship flourishes as the years pass by and the girls become women.

Josh and Jaz Have Three Mums

Hedi Argent

Story



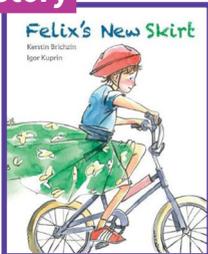
Interest age: 5-7

This illustrated book for children aged five to eight helps to explain the diversity and 'difference' of family groups, and encourages an understanding and appreciation of same sex parents.

Felix's New Skirt

Kerstin Brichzin

Story



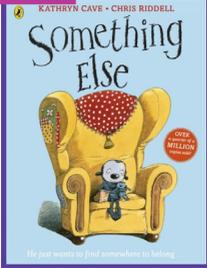
Interest age: under 5

Felix likes to wear skirts. He thinks they're fun - plus he likes the way his legs move in them. His family doesn't mind, but that's not the case for Felix's classmates. Their teasing makes him want to give up school for good. Can Felix's parents come up with a way to validate Felix's expression, while also teaching the other children a lesson in acceptance?

Something Else

Kathryn Cave

Story



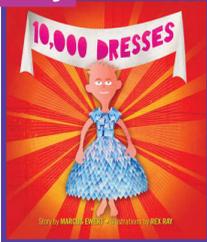
Interest age: under 5

A simple story, about a small creature who does his best to join in with the others. But he's different. No matter how he tries, he just doesn't belong. Then Something turns up and wants to be friends - but Something Else isn't sure he's like him at all.

10,000 Dresses

Marcus Ewert

Story



Interest age: 5-7

Every night, Bailey dreams about magical dresses: dresses made of crystals & rainbows, dresses made of flowers, dresses made of windows. Unfortunately when Bailey awakes, no one wants to hear about these beautiful dreams. Then Bailey meets Laurel, an older girl who is touched & inspired by Bailey's imagination & courage.

Picnic in the Park

Joe Griffiths and Tony Pilgrim

Story



Interest age: under 5

This charming picture book for young children shows that families come in all shapes and sizes.

King & King

Linda De Haan and Stern Nijland

Story



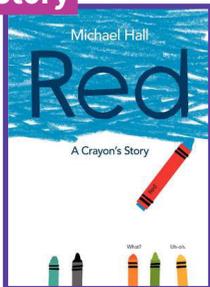
Interest age: 5-7

When the queen insists that the prince get married and take over as king, the search for a suitable mate does not turn out as expected.

Red: a Crayon's Story

Michael Hall

Story



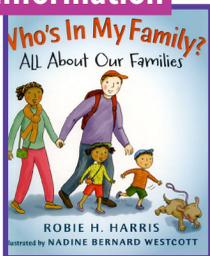
Interest age: under 5

Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he's red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he can't seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective.

Who's in My Family? All About Our Families

Robie H. Harris

Information



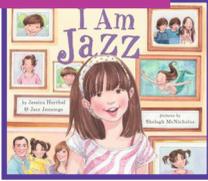
Interest age: under 5

Join Nellie and Gus and their parents for a day at the zoo, where they see all kinds of children and families - both animal and human! To top off their day, Nellie and Gus invite friends and relatives for a big dinner at home.

I am Jazz

Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings

Information



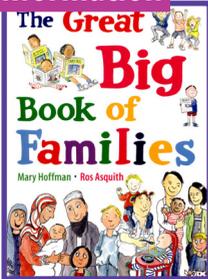
Interest age: 5+

The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for transgender kids everywhere.

The Great Big Book of Families

Mary Hoffman

Information



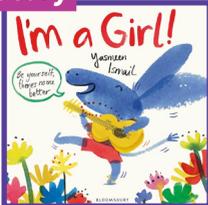
Interest age: 5-7

What is a family? Once, it was said to be a father, mother, boy, girl, cat and dog living in a house with a garden. But as times have changed, families have changed too. Mary Hoffman takes a look through children's eyes at the wide varieties of family life, from homes, food and schools to holidays, jobs and housework.

I'm a Girl!

Yasmeen Ismail

Story



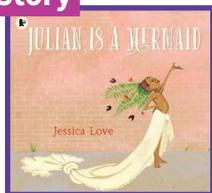
Interest age: under 5

The girl in this book likes to win, be spontaneous, fast and strong but because she also likes to dress in t-shirt and shorts, she's always getting mistaken for a boy. When she meets a boy who likes wearing princess dresses and playing dolls, they both quickly discover that they share interests that are wide and varied.

Julian is a Mermaid

Jessica Love

Story



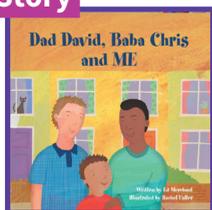
Interest age: under 5

Julian notices three women with colourful hair and spectacularly dressed, their joy filling the train carriage. When Julian gets home, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies and making his own fabulous mermaid costume. But what will Nana think about the mess he makes - and even more importantly - what will she think about how Julian sees himself?

Dad David, Baba Chris and ME

Ed Merchant

Story



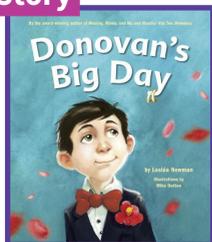
Interest age: 7-9

Ben was adopted by his gay parents - Dad David and Baba Chris - when he was four years old, and they live happily together in an ordinary house, on an ordinary street doing ordinary things. When Ben starts junior school his ordinary life is turned upside down. Some children begin to tease Ben because he lives with two dads.

Donovan's Big Day

Leslea Newman

Story



Interest age: 5-7

Donovan's two mums are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ring-bearer, he has a very important job to do. Any boy or girl with same-sex parents will appreciate this picture book about love, family, and marriage.

Heather Has Two Mummies

Leslea Newman

Story



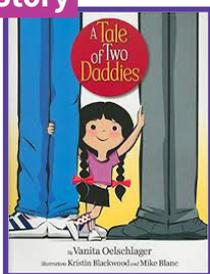
Interest age: 5-7

Heather's favourite number is two - she has two arms, two legs, two pets and two lovely mummies. But when Heather goes to school for the first time, someone asks her about her daddy - and Heather doesn't have a daddy! But then the class all draw portraits of their families, and not one single drawing is the same. Heather and her classmates realise - it doesn't matter who makes up a family, the most important thing is that all the people in it love one another very much.

A Tale of Two Daddies

Vanita Oelschlager

Story



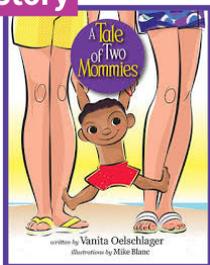
Interest age: 5-7

A Tale of Two Daddies is a playground conversation between two children. The boy says he heard that the girl has two dads. The girl says that's right - she has Daddy and Poppa. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. As the children talk, it's clear this girl lives in a nurturing environment where the biggest issues are the everyday challenges of growing up.

A Tale of Two Mommies

Vanita Oelschlager

Story



Interest age: 5-7

A Tale of Two Mommies is a beach conversation among three children. One boy asks another boy about having two mommies. A young girl listening in asks some questions too. True to a child's curiosity, practical questions follow. As the children talk, it's clear this boy lives in a nurturing environment where the biggest issues are the everyday challenges of growing up.

It's Okay to be Different

Todd Parr

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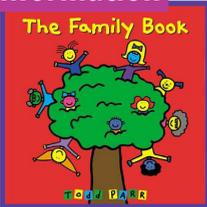
Interest age: under 5

This title cleverly delivers the important messages of acceptance, understanding and confidence in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring bold, bright colours and scenes.

The Family Book

Todd Parr

Information



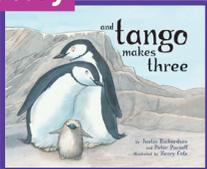
Interest age: under 5

'The Family Book' celebrates the love we feel for our families and all the different varieties they come in. Whether you have two mothers or two dads, a big family or a small family, a clean family or a messy one, children will see that no matter what kind of family they have, every family is special in its own way.

And Tango Makes Three

Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell

Story



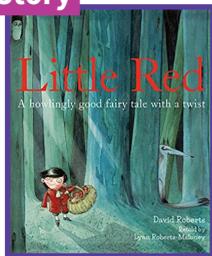
Interest age: under 5

Based on a true story, this charming and heart-warming tale proves that all you need to make a family is love.

Little Red: a Howlingly Good Fairy Tale with a Twist

Lynn Roberts-Maloney

Story



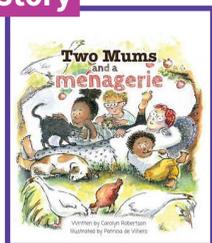
Interest age: under 5

Little Red strays from the path whilst crossing the wood to visit his grandmother. The greedy wolf steals the little boy's red coat, hatches an evil plan and hurries to the cottage to gobble up short-sighted grandmother. Little Red is next on the menu. But can a keg of ginger beer save him?

Two Mums and a Menagerie

Carolyn Robertson

Story



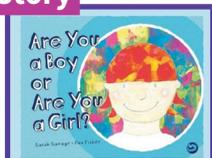
Interest age: 5+

Many families are different. This one has Two Moms. They have plenty of space and plenty of love, but will the Moms and their children be able to manage their ever expanding animal family? A fun and lively book with delightful illustrations that presents a same sex family in a positive way.

Are you a boy or are you a girl?

Sarah Savage

Story



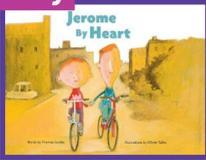
Interest age: under 5

Tiny prefers not to tell other children whether they are a boy or girl. Tiny also loves to play fancy dress, sometimes as a fairy and sometimes as a knight in shining armour. Tiny's family don't seem to mind but when he starts at a new school, some of the new classmates struggle to understand.

Jerome by Heart

Thomas Scott

Story



Interest age: 5-7

Raphael has an immense affection for his friend Jerome. The two boys share jokes and snacks and plan future adventures to the Himalayas. Even when Raphael's constant talk of Jerome is driving his parents crazy, he remains steadfast: 'Raphael loves Jerome. I can say it. It's easy'. And the truth is, when he's with Jerome, Raphael feels happy, liked and understood - even special.

Mom and Mum are Getting Married

Ken Setterington

Story



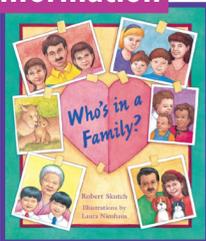
Interest age: under 5

When one of Rosie's two mothers announces 'Your Mum and I are getting married!' they can't wait to start planning the big day. Rosie has so many questions. Will she be a flower girl? Can she get a new dress? At this party, family, friends, and fun come together for a joyous celebration of love in a changing world.

Who's in a Family

Robert Skutch

Information



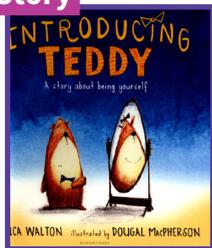
Interest age: 3-7

Family is important. But who's in a family? This picture book provides the answer with a series of family snapshots that has no preconceptions about what makes a family. There are even snapshots from some of children's favourite animal families.

Introducing Teddy: a Story about Being Yourself

Jessica Walton

Story



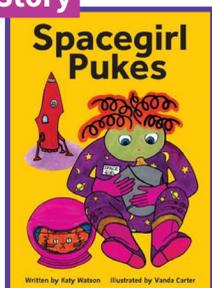
Interest age: under 5

Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. But one sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas is sad, and Errol can't figure out why. Then Thomas the Teddy finally tells Errol what Teddy has been afraid to say: 'In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly.' And Errol says, 'I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my friend.'

Spacegirl Pukes

Katy Watson

Story



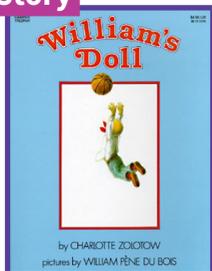
Interest age: 3-7

Young spacegirl is especially lucky to have two mothers and a very curious cat nearby when rocket troubles and nausea begin.

William's Doll

Charlotte Zolotow

Story



Interest age: under 5

More than anything William wants a doll. Don't be a creep, says his brother. Sissy, sissy, chants the boy next door. Then one day, someone really understands William's wish and makes it easy for others to understand too.