

EVENT FAQs

What is Pride Storytime at the Waukee Public Library?

This is a regular storytime, with child appropriate stories and songs that exhibit kindness and positive portrayals of LGBTQ+ families and individuals. As with any of the Library's programs, if the topic does not appeal to you, you are not required to attend.

What Pride Storytime Is Not:

Pride Storytime at the Waukee Public Library is not pornography or a strip show and does not involve drag performers. Any person or resource stating otherwise is misinformed.

Why here at the Waukee Public Library?

At the Waukee Public Library, we aim to connect our patrons to a wide variety of ideas and activities. Providing diverse materials and programs aligns with our library's mission, vision and purpose to meet the needs of our growing community. Programs like this also help teach people respect for one another, and promote the wellbeing and safety of all people in the community.

Does Pride Storytime promote an agenda?

No. Given that LGBTQ+ people of all ages are present in every community including ours, it is reasonable to share this culture with all ages of individuals. Any insinuation that such programs have an agenda to indoctrinate children misunderstands LGBTQ+ experiences.

Why is this event necessary?

This event helps people develop empathy, learn about gender diversity and difference, and celebrate creativity and individuality. Events like this can be life-changing and ultimately life-saving for LGBTQ+ kids and teens, youth with LGBTQ+ parents or family members, and anyone who feels different because of their identity or interests or who may not otherwise see themselves reflected in the broader culture.

What if my children have questions about this and I don't know the answers?

Adults don't always have the answers, but we can ask questions and learn together. There are a number of organizations that provide resources, and there are several library materials available, for talking to kids about gender and other topics. Talking about gender and identity with young children does not need to involve a conversation about sex.

Here are a few helpful websites:

- <https://transkidspurplerainbow.org>
- <https://genderspectrum.org/articles/talking-to-young-children>
- <https://www.onoursleeves.org/mental-health-resources/mental-health-resources-for-lgbtq-youth>

Here are a few of the books in our collection:

- Being You by Megan Madison
- It Feels Good To Be Yourself by Theresa Thorn
- What Are Your Words? By Katherine Locke