



Welcome to the Civic Lab!

This resource page includes conversation starters and materials for exploring LGBTQQI, or lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, and intersex identities.

### Conversation Questions

1. How would you describe your gender? What are things about your gender that are unique?
2. What would you do if you saw someone being treated unfairly because of their sexual orientation or gender identity?
3. What are some of the challenges transgender or gender non-conforming youth face?
4. What can you do to make our community more welcoming and inclusive for all LGBTQQI people?
5. Family question: Have you ever been told you can't do something because of your gender?

### Key Definitions

These definitions are from the World Health Organization:

- *Gender* – noun, the socially constructed roles, behaviors, activities, and attributes that a given society considers appropriate for men or women
- *Sex* – noun, the biological and physiological characteristics that define men and women
- *Gender non-conforming* – noun, person whose gender identity and expression does not conform to the norms and expectations traditionally associated with the sex assigned to them at birth

### Core Resources

These items were selected by our librarians as core resources for the Civic Lab.

For adults:

- *She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders* by Jennifer Finney Boylan
- *Pariah* from Focus Features



For young adults:

- *Two Boys Kissing* by David Levithan
- *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin

For children and families:

- *George* by Alex Gino
- *Donovan's Big Day* by Lesléa Newman

### **Additional Resources**

These library materials are excellent choices for further exploration.

For adults:

- *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt
- *Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin* by John D'Emilio
- *Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love, & So Much More* by Janet Mock
- *Queer (In)Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States* by Joey L. Mogul, Andrea J. Ritchie, and Kay Whitlock

For young adults:

- *Some Assembly Required: The Not-So-Secret Life of a Transgender Teen* by Arin Andrews
- *This Book is Gay* by James Dawson
- *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
- *Saving Montgomery Sole* by Mariko Tamaki

For children and families:

- *Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress* by Christine Baldacchino
- *Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle
- *My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer* by Jennifer Gennari
- *I Am Jazz!* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings