GSA Resources

Are you starting a GSA (Gay Straight Alliance or Gender Sexuality Alliance) at your school? Are you a GSA leader and looking for ideas for your club? Look below for resources!

First Step: Create Community Guidelines

- Use the first meeting to set group norms and agreements
- Have the students lead the community agreement discussion, so that they have more buy-in
- Some suggestions for community agreements:
 - One Diva, One Mic (If one person is talking, no one else interrupts)
 - Step up, step back (If you are shy, challenge yourself to participate; if you speak easily, challenge yourself to stay quiet and give space to others)
 - Impact vs. intent (Remember that you can unintentionally hurt someone, and it is still important to apologize and be accountable for your words.)
 - Be curious (Respect and listen to each other's ideas)
 - R-E-S-P-E-C-T (No bigotry, discrimination, isms, or identity policing)
- Further ideas for community guidelines from GLSEN

Next Step: Create Plans for Activities

- Movies/TV shows with gueer characters
 - Heartstopper
 - Queer Eye
 - One Day at a Time
 - o She-ra
 - Everything Sucks
 - Sex Education
 - Legend of Korra
 - Black Mirror San Junipero, Season 3 Episode 4 (NOT other Black Mirror episodes)
- Karaoke / Music videos with queer artists
 - Hayley Kiyoko
 - Janelle Monae
 - Trove Sivan
 - King Princess
 - Frank Ocean
 - o Sam Smith
 - Tegan and Sara
 - Lady Gaga
 - Lil Nas X (careful with finding school appropriate videos)
- Book clubs with gueer books

- Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire
 Saenz
- Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender
- o Simon vs. The Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli
- Not Your Sidekick by C.B. Lee
- o I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver
- Everything Leads to You by Nina LaCour (set in Los Angeles!)
- o Red, White, and Royal Blue by Casey McQuiston
- Invite a guest speaker
 - o Someone from the LA LGBT Center
 - Someone from Kaleidoscope!
 - A drag queen or drag king
 - o A queer elder
 - An author of an LGBT book
- Board games
 - Queer Tarot
 - Unstable Unicorns
 - o Uno Pride
 - Pride Playing Cards
 - Bingay! (Gay Bingo)
 - o Love Letter: Princess Princess Ever After

LGBTQ Holidays

- March:
 - National LGBTQ Health Awareness Week (last week of March)
 - Transgender Day of Visibility (March 31)
- April:
 - Day of Silence (bullying) (April 17)
 - Lesbian Visibility Day (April 26)
- May:
 - International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (May 17)
 - Harvey Milk Day (May 22)
- June:
 - o Pride Month
 - Pulse Remembrance (June 12)
 - Stonewall Riots Anniversary (June 27)
- July:
 - International Drag Day (July 16)
- August:
 - Butch Appreciation Day (August 18)
- September:
 - Bisexual Visibility Day (September 23)
- October:

- o LGBTQ History Month
- National Coming Out Day (October 11)
- Spirit Day (October 17)
- o Intersex Awareness Day (October 26)
- November:
 - o Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20)
- December:
 - World AIDS Day (December 1)

Further Resources

- GLSEN
- GSA Network
- Diversity Collective
- Lambda Literary Youth Book Recommendations