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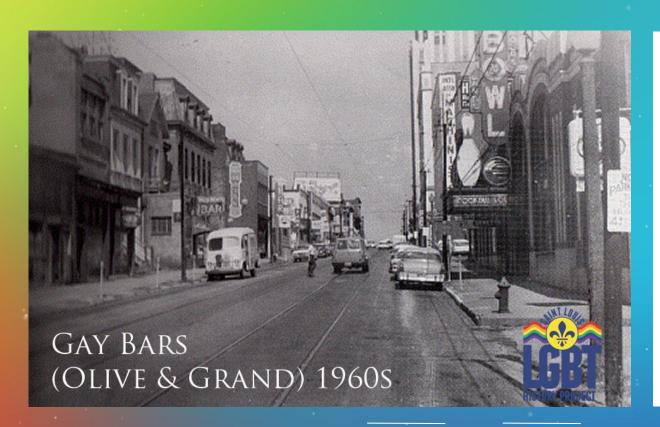
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Supporting Diversity in Campus Communities with Drag Queen Story Hour

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Not Just Reading Books





Julie Tomorrow

MGMA 1974

Me! Maxi Glamour Handbag



Fast Facts

First SLPL DQST held in June 2017,
with ~250 in attendance;
Six total DQST since 2017, for a total
attendance of 1000+;

First Public Library in Missouri to host one;

Welcome to DQST with SLPL

Click above for video link! https://youtu.be/iQ_UUJKIYuA

Controversy Like Glitter

Dec 8 at 16:20 · 3

Wonderful how far humans have evolved. Drag Queen Story Hour doing what they do best, perverting, scaring and confusing children who were not confused before about their gender!



Facebook Famous!

Protests (but late to the party)

The House Bill (MO) 2044

Missouri lawmaker proposes bill criminalizing public libraries' drag queen story hours

It would give parental review boards a veto on material deemed inappropriate, and librarians refusing to comply would be subject to fines or jail time.



Poison Waters reading to children at Drag Queen Story Hour. Keets Truong

Webster

Webster University

- St. Louis, MO
- 11,000 FTE (Mostly nontraditional graduate)
- Two Websters
- DQST May 2016, 2017
- "That's SO Webster!"





Celeste Covington. Photo: Lisa Kaiser Thorpe



Helena Handbag and a student worker

Queens' Storytime at Webster University Is Anything but a Drag

Posted By Allison Babka on Mon, Apr 24, 2017 at 8:44 am



Allison Babka

Back: Helena Handbag, Celeste Covington, Princess Calypso Front: Sarah Reando



University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

About UAFS:

- Fort Smith, AR
- FTE of ~5,000

About DQST:

- December 2018
- Stress Relief Event
- Partnered with Pride@UAFS and River Valley Equality Center
- Miss Gay Arkansas America 2018



DRAG QUEEN STORYTIME

Featuring MISS CHLOE JACOBS

De-stress before the tests!

Boreham Library, Room 122
December 7th, 11am-1pm
Brought to you by:





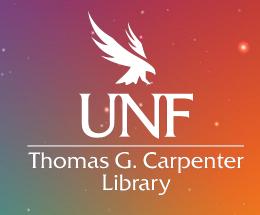
"De-stress before the tests! Stop by Library in Room 122 for Drag Queen Story Time featuring Chloe Jacobs, Miss Gay Arkansas America 2018. All ages are welcome to attend as Miss Chloe Jacobs reads some delightful children's books. Expect dancing, coloring, and light refreshments! Event sponsored by: Pride@UAFS and the River Valley Equality Center."





University of North Florida

- Jacksonville, Florida
- FTE of 17,000
- Dedicated LGBT Resource Center on campus
- DQST events in June and October 2019
 - Virtual event proposed for June 2020
- 1st DQST for college students
- Make it academic: faculty facilitator



June 2019 - Pride Month Event Proposal: https://bit.ly/2BGKDJt



BeBe Deluxe, Tom Caswell, and attendees

DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

TUESDAY, JUNE 25 NOON - 1P.M.



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June 2019 - Pride Month



Interactive whiteboard and display in library lobby

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October 2019 - Coming Out Week



Bebe Deluxe and Dr. Nick de Villiers during Q&A

DRAG QUEEN STORY HOUR

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 NOON - 1P.M.



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It's Story Time!



Missouri Library Association Conference, Oct. 2018

Thank you!

Any questions?

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