

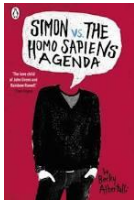





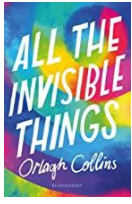
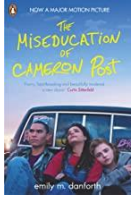
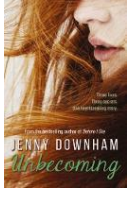
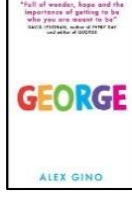
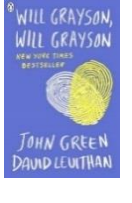
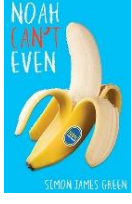

## LGBT+ BOOKS

All of these books can be found in the LRC at JCoSS

YA = may be more suitable for students in Year 9 and above

### FICTION

	Title	Author	What's it about?
	<i>Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda</i> (Film tie-in published as <i>Love, Simon</i> ) (YA) Sequel: <i>Leah on the Offbeat</i>	Becky Albertalli (ALB)	A 16-year-old boy has to come to terms with his sexuality when a misdirected email to his secret boyfriend and a blackmail attempt threaten to out him as gay before he is ready.
	<i>What if it's Us?</i> (YA)	Becky Albertalli & Adam Silvera (ALB)	Two teenage boys fall in love when they accidentally meet in a New York post office. A bittersweet romance about two very different boys finding that there's no right way to fall in love.
	<i>The Black Flamingo</i> (YA)	Dean Atta (ATT)	A boy comes to terms with his identity as a mixed-race gay teen, then at university he finds his wings as a drag artist, the Black Flamingo. A powerful coming-of-age story told in verse.
	<i>The Dark Light</i> (YA)	Julia Bell (BEL)	Based on a true story, a girl growing up in a sinister cult on a remote island falls in love with another girl who has been sent there to escape her dark past.

	<p><i>All the Invisible Things</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Orlagh Collins (COL)</p>	<p>A bisexual teenager becomes confused about her feelings for her childhood best friend when she moves back to London after her mother's death.</p>
	<p><i>The Miseducation of Cameron Post</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Emily M Danforth (DAN)</p>	<p>When a lesbian teenager rebels against her conservative upbringing, her family decide she needs to change her ways and send her to a gay conversion therapy centre.</p>
	<p><i>Unbecoming</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Jenny Downham (DOW)</p>	<p>A story of 3 generations of women in one family and how their past and the secrets they've kept reverberate across time and one another.</p>
	<p><i>George</i></p>	<p>Alex Gino (GIN)</p>	<p>A 10-year-old transgender girl struggles to come out to her family and people at her school until her best friend has the idea of using the school play as a way for people to see who she truly is.</p>
	<p><i>Will Grayson, Will Grayson</i> (YA) Companion: <i>Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story</i> by David Levithan</p>	<p>John Green &amp; David Levithan (GRE)</p>	<p>When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, they find their lives going in new and unexpected directions.</p>
	<p><i>Noah Can't Even</i> (YA) Sequel: <i>Noah Could Never</i></p>	<p>Simon James Green (GRE)</p>	<p>Why can't Noah be normal, like everyone else at school? Maybe if he struck up a romantic relationship with someone he'd be seen in a different light? But Noah's plans are derailed when Harry kisses him at a party.</p>
	<p><i>Ask the Passengers</i> (YA)</p>	<p>A S King (KIN)</p>	<p>Astrid spends hours lying in her backyard watching planes fly overhead. She doesn't know the passengers inside, but in her mind they're the only people who won't judge her when she asks them her most personal questions, like what it means that she's falling in love with a girl.</p>

	<p><i>Boy Meets Boy</i> (YA)</p>	<p>David Levithan (LEV)</p>	<p>Paul has been gay his whole life and he's confident about almost everything. He doesn't have to hide his feelings like best friend Tony or even cope with loving the wrong guy like his other best friend Joni. But heartbreak can happen to anyone. Falling in love changes everything.</p>
	<p><i>Every Day</i> (YA)  Sequel: <i>Another Day</i></p>	<p>David Levithan (LEV)</p>	<p>Each morning A wakes in a different person's body and life, learning over the years to never get too attached...until he wakes up in the body of Justin and falls in love with Justin's girlfriend.</p>
	<p><i>Two Boys Kissing</i> (YA)</p>	<p>David Levithan (LEV)</p>	<p>Follows the lives of 7 teenage boys and the trials and tribulations of being in a gay relationship.</p>
	<p><i>You Know me Well</i> (YA)</p>	<p>David Levithan &amp; Nina LaCour (LEV)</p>	<p>Who knows you well? Your best friend? Your boyfriend or girlfriend? A stranger you meet on a crazy night? No one, really? A deeply honest story about navigating the joys and heartaches of first love, one truth at a time.</p>
	<p><i>I'll Give You the Sun</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Jandy Nelson (NEL)</p>	<p>This story of first love, family, loss, and betrayal is told from different points in time and in separate voices by artists Jude and her twin brother, Noah.</p>
	<p><i>Release</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Patrick Ness (NES)</p>	<p>A coming-of-age story about a gay high school student growing up in a small town who has to decide whether (and how) to come out to his evangelical Christian parents.</p>
	<p><i>Heartstopper</i>  (Graphic Novel) Series: Heartstopper</p>	<p>Alice Oseman (OSE)</p>	<p>Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met...until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance. But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.</p>

	<p><i>Gracefully Grayson</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Ami Polonsky (POL)</p>	<p>Grayson, a transgender 12-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world.</p>
	<p><i>Carry On</i> (YA)  Sequel: <i>Wayward Son</i></p>	<p>Rainbow Rowell (ROW)</p>	<p>Including a gay romance and diverse set of characters, this ode to the <i>Harry Potter</i> series follows Simon Snow (the Chosen One) during his final year at Watford School of Magicks.</p>
	<p><i>If I Was Your Girl</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Meredith Russo (RUS)</p>	<p>Look at pretty, popular 18-yr-old Amanda and you might think her life is easy. But being Amanda has never been easy. Because when she was born she was named Andrew. Now, at her new school, she finally feels like herself. But does she owe her new friends the truth about her past?</p>
	<p><i>Hello, I Must be Going</i></p>	<p>Dyan Sheldon (SHE)</p>	<p>The ghost of a teenager watches how her death has affected her three best friends. A tender, witty ghost story which touches on some important issues, like bullying, coming out, and the importance of being the person you want to be.</p>
	<p><i>Girl Hearts Girl</i> (YA) (Biography)</p>	<p>Lucy Sutcliffe (SUT)</p>	<p>An autobiography by vlogger Lucy Sutcliffe about coming out and her first lesbian relationship.</p>
	<p><i>Lies We Tell Ourselves</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Robin Talley (TAL)</p>	<p>In 1959 Virginia, two girls on the opposite sides of the battle for civil rights are forced to work together on a school project and find they have growing feelings for each other.</p>
	<p><i>What we Left Behind</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Robin Talley (TAL)</p>	<p>Two lesbian teenagers find their relationship tested when one of them reveals that she believes she is transgender and thinks of herself as male.</p>
	<p><i>The Art of Being Normal</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Lisa Williamson (WIL)</p>	<p>David wants to be a girl. Leo wants to be invisible. When Leo stands up for David in a fight, an unlikely friendship forms.</p>

## NON FICTION

	<p><i>This Book is Gay</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Juno Dawson (previously published under the name James Dawson)  (158.1)</p>	<p>A book about being lesbian, bisexual, gay, queer, transgender or just curious - for everybody, no matter their gender or sexuality. Contains some explicit content.</p>
	<p><i>What is Gender? How does it define us? And other big questions</i></p>	<p>Juno Dawson  (305.25)</p>	<p>Looks at issues surrounding gender identity and stereotypes. What's the difference between sex and gender? What does it mean to be defined by your gender? Are there only two genders?</p>
	<p><i>Understanding Sexuality: What it means to be lesbian, gay or bisexual</i>  Series: My Life, Your life</p>	<p>Honor Head  (158.1)</p>	<p>Introduction to issues around sexuality, including what sexuality means, being lesbian, gay or bisexual, coming out, homophobia and accepting yourself and being happy in your own skin.</p>
	<p><i>Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out</i> (YA)</p>	<p>Susan Kuklin  (158.1)</p>	<p>Interviews with 6 American teenagers about their lives as they identify themselves as transgender or gender-neutral.</p>
	<p><i>Rainbow Revolutions: Power, Pride and Protest in the Fight for Queer Rights</i></p>	<p>Jamie Lawson  (158.1)</p>	<p>A history of the LGBTQ+ rights movement and celebration of the courageous individuals who stood up and demanded recognition.</p>