

Tompkins County Public Library 101 East Green Street Ithaca, NY 14850 (607) 272-4557 tcpl.org



For Immediate Release

Additional Resources Joining 'The Gay Agenda' at TCPL; Inaugural Queer-Centric Programming Begins This Saturday

ITHACA, **N.Y.** (June 5, 2025) – The Gay Agenda at Tompkins County Public Library is adding a workshop on name and gender marker changes to its upcoming queer-centric programming.

"Putting the I.D. in Pride with Planned Parenthood" will cover the process of name changes from social to legal. The information session will be held **Tuesday**, **June 10** starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Library. It's important to note this is not a legal advice workshop, but instead an information session focused on providing resources and explaining the basic procedural process.

The Gay Agenda, which has events for queers and allies alike, kicks off this **Saturday, June 7** with a resource fair, gender affirming closet and a Pride family storytime. The special programming will also include an exploration of queer cinema, a sibling support workshop and information sessions. The Gay Agenda at TCPL is meant to provide resources to the community ahead of the Ithaca Pride Alliance's Ithaca Pride 2025 celebration.

"Pride to me just means queer joy," said Ally True, TCPL Library Assistant and organizer of The Gay Agenda. "This upcoming week is a to-do list of things that we can do for ourselves to make us feel more comfortable. The rights of queer and trans people are actively being threatened and taken away. The best and most helpful thing we can do right now is form and strengthen communities, and there's no better place to do it than in a library."

TCPL also offers year-round programming such as the <u>Queer Craft Club</u>, which meets the second Monday of each month, and the <u>LGBTQIA+ Youth Group</u> which meets on Wednesday afternoons.

The Resource Fair to kick-off The Gay Agenda will run from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday**, **June 7** and offers a chance for people to speak with representatives from local organizations, including Cornell Health, Southern Tier AIDS Program, Ithaca Pride Alliance, Rainbow Support Alliance, Hair Color Art and PLFAG Ithaca-Cortland. Representatives from TCPL's LGBTQIA+ Youth Group will also be on hand.

A complete list of programs and participating resource groups can be found at tcpl.org/gayagendatcpl and on the Library's social media channels using #GayAgendaTCPL.

The Library will also be an active participant in the Ithaca Pride 2025 celebration which runs from Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15.

Schedule of events

Saturday, June 7

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <u>Pride! Family Storytime</u> 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. <u>Resource Fair</u> 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. <u>Gender-Affirming Clothing Closet Pop-up</u>

Monday, June 9

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Supporting Your Siblings with Karina Hagelin 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Queer Craft Club

• Tuesday, June 10

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Putting the I.D. in Pride with Planned Parenthood

• Wednesday, June 11

4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. <u>LGBTQIA+ Youth Group</u> 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. <u>Your Body, Your Choice with Planned Parenthood and Alternatives</u> Credit Union

• Thursday, June 12

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Queer Cinema 101 with Teagan Bradway

TCPL strives to make itself a safe place for everyone in the community and has personnel dedicated to upholding the Library's <u>Code of Conduct</u>.

Note: a previous release identified Thursday evening's program as Gay Film 101. The correct name of the program is Queer Cinema 101.

###

Get the scoop on TCPL events and programming sent right to your inbox by signing up for our free monthly newsletter. Click here to sign up.

There are ways to help support TCPL's mission of fostering opportunities for people of all ages to discover, connect, and create.

The <u>Tompkins County Public Library Foundation</u> accepts financial donations which benefit TCPL's collections and programming.

The <u>Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library</u> accepts physical media for its semiannual book sale, which benefits TCPL, the Finger Lakes Library System and educational and literacy focused groups throughout Tompkins County. The next book sale begins October 11!

ABOUT

Tompkins County Public Library, founded in 1864 by Ezra Cornell, serves the 104,000 residents of Tompkins County and is the Central Library for the Finger Lakes Library System.

Media inquiries:

Brian Sasser, Communications Manager bsasser@tcpl.org | (607) 272-4557 ext. 233