




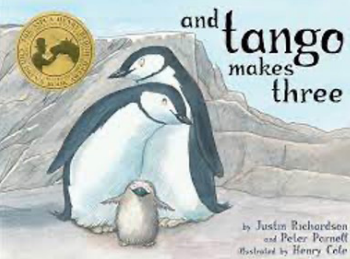

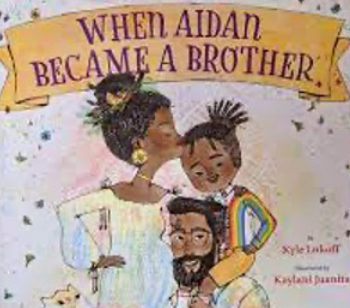
CHILDREN'S BOOK LIST

The list of books identified below are part of the larger Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) collection provided by the City of Hamilton in partnership with ASCY. These titles have been selected by the Program Excellence Department to support the introduction of these issues related to Pride Month. These books provide organic ways of inviting children into learning.

INFANT AND TODDLER	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	Pride Colors	Robin Stevenson	Pride Colors is a celebration of the deep, unconditional love of a parent or caregiver for a young child. The profound message of this delightful board book is that you are free to be yourself and you'll always be loved.
	Daddy, Papa and Me	Leslea Newman	Rhythmic text and illustrations with universal appeal show a toddler spending the day with its daddies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.
	Mommy, Mama and me	Leslea Newman	This book shows a toddler spending the day with its mommies. From hide-and-seek to dress-up, then bath time and a kiss goodnight, there's no limit to what a loving family can do together.
	Rainbow: A First Book of Pride	Michael Genhart	This is a sweet ode to rainbow families, and an affirming display of a parent's love for their child and a child's love for their parents. With bright colors and joyful families, this book celebrates LGBTQ+ pride and reveals the colorful meaning behind each rainbow stripe.





PRESCHOOL	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	Pink is for Boys	Robb Pearlman	An empowering and educational picture book that proves colours are for everyone, regardless of gender.
	And Tango Makes Three	Justin Richardson & Peter Parnell	At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo get the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own.
	Jacob's New Dress	Sarah Hoffman & Ian Hoffman	Jacob loves playing dress-up, when he can be anything he wants to be. Some kids at school say he can't wear "girl" clothes, but Jacob wants to wear a dress to school. Can he convince his parents to let him wear what he wants? This warm story speaks to the unique challenges faced by boys who don't identify with traditional gender roles.
	When Aidan Became a Brother	Kyle Lukoff	A heartwarming book that will resonate with transgender children, reassure any child concerned about becoming an older sibling, and celebrate the many transitions a family can experience.





KINDERGARTEN	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	I Am Jazz	Jazz Jennings & Jessica Herthel	The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for trans kids everywhere.
	Julian is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	A glimpse of costumed mermaids leaves one boy flooded with wonder and ready to dazzle the world.
	Who Are You?	Sarah Hoffman & Ian Hoffman	The kid's guide to gender identity.
	A Boy Like You	Frank Murphy & Carla Murphy	There's more to being a boy than sports, feats of daring, and keeping a stiff upper lip. A Boy Like You encourages every boy to embrace all the things that make him unique, to be brave and ask for help, to tell his own story and listen to the stories of those around him. In an age when boys are expected to fit into a particular mold, this book celebrates all the wonderful ways to be a boy.



KINDERGARTEN	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	A Girl Like You	Frank Murphy & Carla Murphy	Every girl is a wonder! A Girl Like You encourages girls to embrace what makes them unique, to choose kindness, and to be their own advocates. In an age when girls can be whatever they want, this books reminds them of all the ways to be beautiful, brilliant, and uniquely themselves.
	Stella Brings the Family	Miriam B. Schiffer	Stella's class is having a mother's day celebration, but what's a girl with two daddies to do? It's not that she doesn't have someone who helps her with her homework, or tucks her in at night. Stella has her papa and daddy who take care of her, and a whole gaggle of other loved ones who make her feel special and supported every day. She just doesn't have a mom to invite to the party. Fortunately, Stella finds a unique solution to her party problem in this sweet story about love, acceptance, and the true meaning of family.

SCHOOL AGE	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	It Feels Good to be Yourself	Theresa Thorn	Some people are boys, girls, both, neither, or somewhere in between. This sweet, straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others.
	10,000 Dresses	Marcus Ewert	<p>10,000 Dresses shares the story of a trans girl, Bailey, who is trying to make her dreams a reality. Each night, Bailey dreams of a different mystical dress, which she in turn asks each of her family members if they can help her find the next morning. Despite her best efforts, Bailey's family members are not willing to help her find</p> <p>The dress of her dreams, saying that boys can't wear dresses, and that Bailey should stop asking them such questions.</p>



SCHOOL AGE	BOOK TITLE	AUTHOR	SUMMARY
	They She He Me Free to Be!	Maya Christina Gonzalez & Matthew Sg	How do you daily confirm and celebrate gender fluidity when the 'he' and 'she' binary is so prevalent in EVERYTHING, everywhere, all the time!? Pronouns serve as a familiar starting point for kids and grown-ups to expand ideas about gender and celebrate personal expression with fun imagery that provides a place to meet and play.
	Antonio's Card	Cecilia Concepcion Alvarez	Antonio loves words, because words have the power to express feelings like love, pride, or hurt. Mother's day is coming soon, and Antonio searches for the words to express his love for his mother and her partner, Leslie. But he's not sure what to do when his classmates make fun of Leslie, an artist, who towers over everyone and wears paint-splattered overalls. As mother's day approaches, Antonio must choose whether or how to express his connection to both of the special women in his life.
	In our Mother's House	Patricia Polacco	Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be.

MORE BOOKS FOR FAMILIES TO EXPLORE:

- <https://go.maginationpress.org/rainbow-collection/>
- <https://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/by-topic/childrens/childrens-book-news/article/86191-children-s-and-ya-lgbtq-books-spring-2021.html>
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