

ALA 2013: "Safe in the Stacks: Community Spaces for Homeless LGBTQ Youth"

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(californiahomelessyouthlibrary.ca.gov)



This site includes an array of resources, including videos and articles. It provides excellent background on youth homelessness, suggestions for positive actions, and videos that give insight into the lives of these youth.



(<http://www.youthmovementnational.org/>)

This website would be excellent for youth and librarians, by providing support and an opportunity for youth to be involved and by offering insight to librarians into the role of youth in improving their own lives.



(available at: www.pathwaysrtc.pdx.edu)


This toolkit covers an amazing range of topics on what foster youth aging out of the system wish they had been told. It includes comments on money, health, independence, resources, health care and much more. This would be a great starting place for ideas on how your library could make a difference. Much of the information is needed by domiciled youth as well as homeless youth - or even by adults. Your library may be a place some of these questions could be answered - with resource lists, with books, with programs or presentations.

This site offers excellent resources on families and acceptance of their LGBTQ children. It could be used as the basis for a family program at the library. It includes an amazingly moving video, "Always My Son," that offers insight into the challenges and successes as families move toward acceptance.

Other resources include research, free publications, and news.

 [\(http://www.theheartproject.org/\)](http://www.theheartproject.org/)

 [\(http://www.ucanbehome.org/host-home/\)](http://www.ucanbehome.org/host-home/)

 [\(http://www.chicagohouse.org/translife.html\)](http://www.chicagohouse.org/translife.html)


(These are national ones. There are probably local organizations in your area, too.)

National Runaway Switchboard: www.1800runaway.org

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force: www.nglftf.org

National Center for Lesbian Rights: www.nclrights.org

National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections: www.nrcpfc.org

Covenant House: www.covenanthouse.org/homelesskids