

Beyond the Rainbow Reading List

Notable LGBTQ Library Services

Laura Saunders
MLA 2015

Public Faces, Private Lives

Text from *Improper Bostonians*



"The Slave of Fashion"

Female impersonator Francis Renault was the featured model in a number of women's fashion shows and burlesque performances.

One of his appearances was promoted in the *Boston Traveler* on July 23, 1931:

The Gaylactic Network



THE History PROJECT

Documenting GLBT Boston

THE WHITE PARTY HISTORY PROJECT



Profiles



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SAFE PLACE

The Seattle Public Library is now a member of the King County Safe Place program. Safe Place in King County quickly connects youth ages 12-17 to help, through a network of local businesses and organizations designated as "Safe Places." Youth can approach any established Safe Place site, which now includes all 27 locations of The Seattle Public Library, recognizable by a yellow diamond logo, or call [1-800-422-TEEN](tel:1-800-422-TEEN) FREE to receive immediate help. A Safe Place coordinator will respond 24/7, providing resources, connecting the young person to shelter services, or reuniting them with family when safe and appropriate.

The Safe Place program in King County is operated through a collaboration of Auburn Youth Resources, Friends of Youth, and YouthCare, and is funded by the United Way of King County. The Library joins a network of agencies and organizations providing over 1,900 Safe Place sites throughout the county, including Seattle Parks and Recreation's community centers, Metro Transit buses, King County libraries and YMCA facilities.

Ask your Librarian

Your Next 5 BOOKS

TEENS CALENDAR
Looking for something to do?

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All CPL locations will be closed Tuesday, May 5.



The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay

Michael Chabon



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What if Chicago read the same book at the same time -- online? *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* is storytelling at its best. Set amid the backdrop of the rise of fascism and the years leading up to World War II, this book by Michael Chabon transports readers into an exciting world of comic books, heroes and superheroes. Join the conversation and begin reading *Kavalier and Clay* right here as we release the novel in six serialized installments.



What really makes Sam Clay special, however, isn't any of his achievements or his plucky attitude. It's the fact that, **throughout the entire novel, he struggles with his sexual identity.** The morals of the day weren't particularly kind to homosexuals and this societal pressure takes an obvious toll on Sam throughout the novel as he tries to balance what he feels deep inside with the image that everyone wants him to be.



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Mission 4: LGBT Heroes

For our fourth mission, inspired by Sam Clay's profound recognition of his true self, we ask for you to consider who your LGBT hero is.

You could win a **\$50 Powell's gift card** and be entered to win an **Apple iPad Air 2!**

THE MISSION

While the city Kavalier and Clay inhabit is having its own Golden Age -- and, indeed, our two main characters are in their own lives -- the need for connection and community is as present as ever.

For this mission, we invite you to learn more about the [Chicago Legacy Walk project](#), an outdoor museum walk dedicated to sharing the historic contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. Whether you review the list of [Legacy Walk inductees](#), the [candidates for 2015](#), or call upon your own experience and knowledge, your mission is to share who your LGBT hero is.



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THE LEGACY PROJECT

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THE LEGACY WALK

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MISSION 4 PRIZE

One submission from Mission 4 will be chosen at random to win a **\$50 Powell's gift card**, courtesy of BiblioCommons.

GRAND PRIZE

There will be six missions over the course of the reading program.

At the end of the reading program, one submission will be chosen at random from across all six missions to win an **Apple iPad Air 2**, courtesy of BiblioCommons.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Enter to win by telling us about your LGBT hero:

- Post on Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag **#OBOCMission4**; or
- Post on the [One Book, One Chicago Facebook page](#).

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Courtney @CreativelyCourt · Apr 5

My LGBT hero is Audre Lorde. **#OBOCMission4** @chipublic

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B. A. @tweetfromba · Apr 2

Steve Jobs is my hero. He mustered the courage to be himself and it paid off handsomely. **#OBOCMission4**

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Alice @itsalicetime · Apr 2

My LGBT hero is most def Frances Willard. Started from the bottom (in Wisconsin), now we're here, girl. **#OBOCMission4**

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The committee is dedicated to upholding [the Library's Mission](#) as well as the [Library Users Bill of Rights](#) for all of our customers. It seeks to fulfill this mission by creating exciting programs such as LGBT author visits and through participation at various outreach events such as [Pride in the Desert](#). On a daily basis we review, order and make LGBT materials available for all PCPL users, regardless of age, location or sexual orientation. You can see lists of [the committee's recommended reads here](#).



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PimaLib_LGBT's Lists

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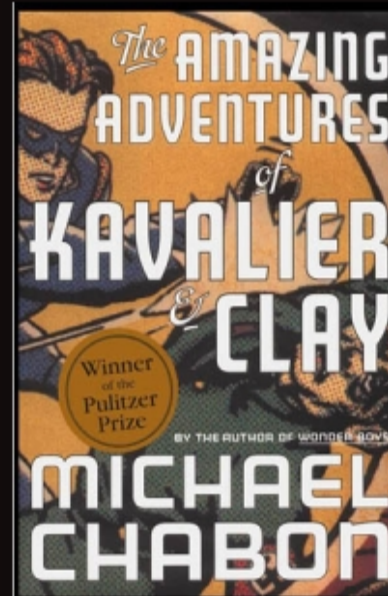
[PCPL—LGBT DVD and CD—Recommended](#)



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Top 10 LGBT Book Characters: #10 – Sam Clay

10. Sam Clay – *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*



Michael Chabon's novel, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* pretty much has it all. You'll find love, sex, death, comic books, harrowing escapes, comedy, and much, much more within this historically rich tale. On top of being a great read, it's gotten quite a bit of critical acclaim in the 11 years since it's been released, including being the winner of the 2001 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. There are hundreds of great elements which really make this book special, but one of the ways in which it particularly stands out comes through its treatment of one particular character, Sam Clay.

One-half of the titular duo, Sam Clay sets himself apart early on through his sheer spunk and contagious determination to be a success. Pairing up with his cousin Joe Kavalier (who just escaped the Nazis in Prague before fleeing to America), Sam uses his love of comic books and adventure to launch a successful new comic title in Depression-Era America. Their book, *The Escapist*, becomes a resounding

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Lgbt Book Lists



Favorite Gay Couples

1,970 books — 2,505 voters



The Best of Gay Romance

2,372 books — 2,454 voters



Best YA Fiction with GLBTQQI themes / characters

845 books — 2,157 voters



Best M/M Romance Published in 2014

633 books — 1,407 voters



Best Gay Fiction



Best Lesbian Fiction

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50 Essential Works of LGBT Fiction

By Tyler Coates on Aug 21, 2013 2:17pm

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Here's the thing: "LGBT" is not a genre, but if you walk into any big chain bookstore, you'll likely find a "Gay and Lesbian" shelf in the literature section. Works of fiction that heavily feature queer themes are often ghettoized, only placing an unfortunate stigma on indelible pieces of writing that, while attracting a small group of readers, only serves to alienate others. While we're still waiting for queer literature's mainstream acceptance — *The Great Gay Novel*, if you will — there have been numerous novels and plays published in the last century that have illuminated the multifaceted queer experience among a diverse, wide-reaching community. While this list is no way a definitive canon of the best in queer literature, it does include some essential works that can provide entertainment, introspection, and comfort to those who identify as queer or straight.

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- *Bi Any Other Name: Bisexual People Speak Out* edited by Loraine Hutchins and Lani Kaahumanu
- *Exile and Pride: Disability, Queerness, and Liberation* by Eli Clare
- *Men Like Us: The GMAC Complete Guide to Gay Men's Sexual, Physical and Emotional Well-Being* by Daniel Wolfe
- *The New Good Vibrations Guide to Sex* by Cathy Winks & Anne Semans
- *Bisexual Resource Guide* by Robyn Ochs
- *Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us* by Kate Bornstein
- *Friends & Family: True Stories of Gay America's Straight Allies* by Dan Woog
- *Inspiration for LGBT Students & their Allies* by Anthony J. D'Angelo, Stephen D. Collingsworth Jr., Mike Esposito, Gabriel Hermelin, Lydia A. Sausa, Dr. Ronnie Sanlo, & Shane L. Windmeyer
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-- Jaye Weatherburne , RMIT University