A Library Guide to LGBTQ+

If you’re looking for books with LGBTQ+ characters, check out the following authors (or ask for recommendations at the library desk!):

Becky Albertalli    Leigh Bardugo    Gail Carriger
Zoraida Cordova     Mackenzie Lee    Malinda Lo
Seanan McGuire      Saundra Mitchell  Julie Anne Peters
Rainbow Rowell      Meredith Russo    Benjamin Saenz

And a few suggestions that span the universe of subjects and styles:

**Prudence**    YA Carriger (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, person-of-color)

A steampunk adventure involving dirigibles, tea, good friends, and a distressing lack of bloomers. Set in a world of Victorian manners and Supernatural creatures, the diverse and colorful cast of characters deserves a special mention!

**This is How You Lose the Time War**    S El-Mohtar (lesbian)

A time-travel, secret-agent, spy-vs-spy, enemies-to-lovers science fiction romance filled with alternate timelines and parallel universes.

**Pet**    YA- GN Emezi (trans, person-of-color)

Everyone knows that there are no monsters anymore, but then Jam meets Pet, a creature made of horns and colors and claws. Jam must answer the question “How do you save the world from monsters if no one will admit they exist?”

**The Devouring Gray**    YA Herman (lesbian, bisexual)

After experiencing a family tragedy, Violet Saunders and her mother move back to Four Paths, her mother’s Upstate NY hometown. Violet soon learns there is a beast hiding beneath the surface of the town, and that her destiny is tied to it.

**The Music of What Happens**    YA Konigsberg (gay, person-of-color)

A sizzling summer romance full of high school happenings and food truck fun. It tackles race, class, privilege, homophobia, toxic masculinity, toxic parents, and rape culture while encouraging the reader to laugh through their tears.
When the Moon Was Ours      YA McLemore (trans, queer, person-of-color)

Miel (a teen who fears pumpkins and who has roses growing out of her wrists) and their friend Sam face a family of supernaturally powerful children in this novel of magical realism and the power of keeping, and sometimes sharing, secrets.

Red, White & Royal Blue      F McQuiston (gay)

Tensions between Alex (son of the US President) and Henry (heir to the British throne) are getting in the way of U.S./British relations so a truce is staged between the two rivals. What begins as a fake friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous, than expected.

We Set the Dark on Fire      YA Mejia (queer, person-of-color)

A feminist, dystopian fantasy set in a Latin-American inspired country where upper class men are assigned two wives when they come of age. Dani and Carmen share a husband, and together they must find a safe path through relationships and revolutions.

The Luminous Dead      S Starling (lesbian, person-of-color)

A thrilling, atmospheric science fiction novel with the drive of The Martian and the creeping dread of Annihilation, in which a caver on a foreign planet finds herself on a terrifying psychological and emotional journey for survival.

Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up With me      YA-GN Tamaki (lesbian)

Laura Dean, the most popular girl in high school, was Frederica Riley's dream girl: charming, confident, and SO cute. There's just one problem: Laura Dean is maybe not the greatest girlfriend. A spirited graphic novel of young love that asks what happens when we ditch the toxic relationships we crave to embrace the healthy ones we need.

Sissy: A Coming-of-Gender Story      YA-Biography Tobia (non-binary)

Jacob Tobia takes us on their gender odyssey, beginning at the fateful day the "male" box was checked on their birth certificate. A witty and intimate account of what it's like to grow up between categories.

Small Town Hearts      YA Vale (bisexual)

Fresh out of high school, Babe Vogel is freaking out about how her life will change when her two best friends go to college in the fall and when a reckless kiss causes all three of them to break up, she may lose them a lot sooner. On top of that, her ex-girlfriend is back in town, bringing with her a slew of memories.