

There are abbreviated materials - "Information Packets" - that are included in this list. This list represents only materials primarily on this topic. However, there are other materials that speak to this topic available in the library (i.e., brief "Articles," etc.). Contact ORPARC for additional materials.

## Gay and Lesbian Issues

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Material Title: **Antonio's Card\* (Children's Material)**  
 Author: Rigoberto González *Children's Books* 2005 31 pages

Antonio has two mother figures which makes it difficult to explain to his classmates. During Mother's Day card making time and after school, when his mom's partner picks him up, Antonio doesn't know how to deal with peer pressure. He is teased often and this confuses him because he loves his moms and his family. This book nicely portrays one boys struggle to fit in without hurting anyone's feelings. The book is written in English and Spanish on each page. The love in the story overpowers the basic illustrations. A feel good read.

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Material Title: **Best Best Colors\* (Children's Material)**  
 Author: Eric Hoffman *Children's Books* 1998 26 pages

Nate loves all of the wonderful colors he sees in his everyday life. When his Mamma Jean and Mamma Laura ask him about his favorite color, he wonders, "How can I choose just one?" This delightful picture book takes you on a journey with Nate as he figures out that he can like a lot of different colors and have a lot of different friends. This book is bilingual with words in English and Spanish.

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Material Title: **Daddy and Papa: A Story About Gay Fathers in America (DVD)**  
 Author: DVD *DVDs* 2003 57 minutes

Through the stories of four families, including the filmmaker's own, this film explores the growing phenomenon of gay fatherhood and its impact on American culture. It delves into the particular challenges facing gay men who decide to become dads, including surrogacy, interracial adoption, the complexities of gay divorce, and the battle for full legal status as parents.

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Material Title: **Daddy, Papa, and Me\* (Children's Materials)**  
 Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 17 pages

This hard back book child sized book written for very young children presents a family with two fathers engaged in everyday parenting activities.

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Material Title: **Family Influences on Childhood Behavior and Development: Evidence-Based Prevention and Treatment Approaches**  
 Author: Thomas, and Gary Blau Gullotta *Books* 2008 327 pages

This collection of 13 essays intended for clinicians examines factors associated with families in distress and factors that promote healthy coping skills and resilience. The first 5 chapters explore what family means today, circumstances that can make family life challenging or painful, and how prevention and treatment approaches can help. The next 8 chapters focus on potentially distressing events, including adoption, divorce, stepfamilies, lesbian and gay families, foster care, parents with mental illnesses, physical abuse, and sexual abuse.

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Material Title: **Family Therapy Magazine: May/June 2004**  
 Author: Periodical *Periodicals* May/June 2004 8 articles

This issue of Family Therapy Magazine, a journal of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, is dedicated to "Adoption Trends and the Role of Family Therapy." It contains eight articles on adoption. The magazine can be checked out of the ORPARC library just as books or tapes can. Contact us by phone or email if you would like to borrow a copy of this unique issue.

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Material Title: **Gay Men Choosing Parenthood**  
 Author: Gerald P. Mallon *Books* 2004 147 pages

This book uses case studies, interviews and research to present an affirming look at gay parenthood. It presents the journey of gay males who have become parents through foster care, adoption and other kinship relationships. Social climate, support service issues, and comparison to heterosexual parenting are explored.

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Material Title: **Heather Has Two Mommies\* (Children's Material)**  
 Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 25 pages

This is a "special twentieth anniversary edition of the classic children's book with the enduring message that will appeal to readers of all ages and backgrounds: the most important thing about any family is that all of the people in it love each other". This edition includes a retrospective by the author.

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Material Title: **Lesbian & Gay Families: Redefining Parenting in America**  
Author: Jill S. Pollack *Books* 1995 106 pages

This book introduces the reader to seven gay or lesbian families. Their firsthand testimony becomes a vehicle for exploring the many roads to parenthood including adoption, alternative insemination, and previous heterosexual relationships. Pollack establishes that love, not heterosexuality, makes a family.

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Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Foster and Adoptive Parents**  
Author: Gerald M. Mallon *Books* 2006 96 pages

This book explores myths and prejudices that influence attitudes towards lesbians and gay men as parents, examines how the development of legislation over the years has influenced perceptions of lesbians and gay men as parents, and explores ways for social workers to more effectively support lesbian and gay adopters and foster parents once they have been matched with a child or youth.

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Material Title: **Lesbian and Gay Fostering and Adoption**  
Author: Stephen Hicks *Books* 1999 199 pages

This book presents a collection of personal accounts given by singles and couples in Great Britain who have fostered or adopted children. It also includes an editorial essay which examines the many issues involved when lesbians or gay men choose this method of building a family

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Material Title: **Lesbians and Gay Men as Foster Parents**  
Author: Wendell Ricketts *Books* 1991 166 pages

Through facts, arguments and personal stories, Mr. Ricketts diffuses stereotypes and clearly shows both the need for and the goodness of lesbian and gay foster parents. This book will be of immense value to agency administrators, policy makers, social workers, and all members of the helping professions.

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Material Title: **Love Makes a Family: Gay Parents in the 90's (VHS)**  
Author: Remco Kobus *Videotapes* 1991 16 minutes

By Remco Kobus, Marla Leech, and Daniel Veltri. In this video, we meet a lesbian single mother who shares parenting with the gay father of her son; a lesbian couple who care for one's children by a previous marriage; and a gay male couple with two adopted sons. Also interviewed are a clinical psychologist and a therapist who work with gay families. These appealing case studies provide an affirmation of gay parenting rather than a how-to manual.

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Material Title: **Mom and Mum are Getting Married!\* (Children's Material)**  
Author: Ken Setterington *Children's Books* 2004 24 pages

"When Rosie finds out that her two mothers are planning to get married, she has only one worry...will she get to be a flower girl?" This children's book features "a joyful celebration of love and family in a changing world". This is a book for early elementary age children.

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Material Title: **Mommy, Mama, and Me\* (Children's Material)**  
Author: Lesléa Newman *Children's Books* 2009 17 pages

This hard back child sized book written for very young children presents a family with two mothers engaged in everyday parenting activities.

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Material Title: **One Dad, Two Dads, Brown Dad, Blue Dads\* (Children's Material)**  
Author: Johnny Valentine *Children's Books* 1994 27 pages

This humorous book for elementary age children uses the concept of blue dads to introduce the idea of how there are similarities among all dads even if they are a different color. It allows a child to examine differences in light of how people still share common traits.

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Material Title: **Our Daughters and Sons: Questions and Answers for Parents of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual People**  
Author: PFLAG *Books* 1995 23 pages

This booklet, from Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), addresses questions commonly asked by parents of children who are gay. It covers such topics as the definition of homosexuality, religion, STD's, and how parents can be supportive of their children during the "coming out" process. In addition, this booklet contains a list of many other helpful resources for both gay people and their parents.

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Material Title: **Sissy Duckling, The\* (Children's Material)**

Author: Harvey Fierstein *Children's Books* 2002 37 pages

In this story for young children, the main character, a juvenile duck named Elmer, enjoys such non-traditional activities as baking and puppet shows and as a result he becomes the object of bullying and ridicule, even by his father, until an event occurs that changes the way the rest of the duck population views Elmer. The reviews of this children's book describe this as "an incredibly empowering book for boys who've felt different or picked on" and "a parable in which individuals succeed when they stay true to themselves."

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Material Title: **Tango Makes Three, And\* (Children's Material)**

Author: Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell *Children's Books* 2005 28 pages

This young children's story is based upon true events that occurred at the Central Park Zoo. Two male penguins, Roy and Silo, who became a couple, successfully adopt, incubate, hatch and nurture a fertile egg from another penguin couple. Her name is Tango. She is often seen in the company of her two proud fathers proving once again "that all kinds of love can create a family".

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Material Title: **Velveteen Father, The**

Author: Jesse Green *Books* 1999 240 pages

Being a parent was not a high priority for acclaimed journalist and novelist Jesse Green, but when, at the age of 37, he fell in love with a man who had recently adopted a baby boy, fatherhood suddenly fell into his lap. In this warm, humorous, deeply personal book, Green recounts the unexpected journey he and his partner traveled together on the road to parenthood.

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Material Title: **We Are... GLBTQ (DVD)**

Author: DVD *DVDs* 2007 40 minutes

This DVD features the voices of youth and their caregivers and also a professional from Lifespan who provided definitions, cautions, facts vs. myths that would be very helpful to any family who is parenting a GLBTQ youth. Some of the youths' stories speak about the risks of coming out, such as the rejection and ostracization that they experience. Both youths in foster care and adoption were featured.

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Material Title: **What if Someone I Know Is Gay? Answers to Questions About Gay and Lesbian People\* (Children's Materials)**

Author: Eric Marcus *Children's Books* 2000 138 pages

Aimed at teenagers, this book breaks down the stereotypes surrounding homosexuality. Written in question-and-answer form, the author answers real questions from real teenagers about everything from sex to religion. He pushes aside all of the myths and misinformation to help kids understand what being gay is really all about.