

# PEER BIAS LEADERS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Peer Bias Leaders Newsletter. We are the Peer Bias Leaders, a student-led equity and inclusivity group at Haddonfield Memorial High School. Each month, we plan to release a monthly newsletter curated by students discussing the importance of equity through books, articles, discussion topics, and more. With this newsletter, we hope to foster conversations and self-education that act as the foundation for change within our community.

In this month's newsletter we will be discussing the history and impact of Pride Month, which is a month long celebration to "recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally" (Library of Congress). Originally, Pride Month began as a "Gay Pride Day" on the last Sunday in June to memorialize the 1969 Stonewall Uprising which served as a huge momentum shift for the gay rights movement. Now a month long event, Pride Month reminds us of the importance of everyone's right to freely express their gender identity and sexuality.

-The Peer Bias Leaders

### *Local Pride Events*

- <https://www.htpride.com/events> - click here to register for events
- **Haddon Township Pride Parade** - Refer to the Parade Map [here](#) and RSVP to the [event on Facebook!](#)
  - When: Thursday, June 10th; 6:00-8:00 PM
  - Where: Haddon Ave from Strawbridge Ave to Crystal Lake Ave
- **Love & Learn: A Community Night** - RSVP to the [event on Facebook!](#)
  - When: Friday, June 11th
  - Where: Haddon Square and local businesses in the area
  - What
    - An inclusive [Family Conversation About the Birds and the Bees at Koupa Espresso Bar](#) led by Dr. Dennis Flores, who is an Assistant Professor at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, an affiliated faculty at the Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Program, and is a Visiting Faculty Fellow at the Center for Research on AIDS at Yale University's School of Public Health.
    - Virtual programming with regards to allyship as well as suicidality in LGBTQ youth led by Brent A. Satterly, PhD, MSS, LCSW, CSE, CST, who is a Professor at Widener University
    - Tables at Haddon Square, with resources and representatives from [CHOP Gender Clinic](#), [Kaleidoscope](#), [Attic Youth Center](#), [Ida's Book Shop](#), [Jefferson LGBTQIA+ Health Program](#), [Garden State Equality](#), [GLSEN \(formerly Gay,](#)

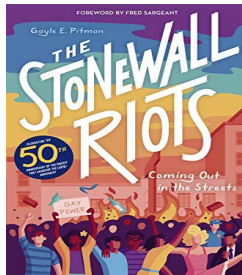
Lesbian & Straight Education Network), Camden County Women's Shelter, Lez Run Running Club, and the William Way LGBT Community Center.

- **SoHa Pride Fest** - RSVP to the [event on Facebook](#)
  - When: Saturday, June 12th; 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
  - Where: SoHa Arts Building,
  - What
    - **Drag Queen Story Hour** with **Harmonica Sunbeam** - 11:30AM
    - Live Painting by **Alloyius Mcilwaine**, a tribute to American civil rights leader, LGBTQ activist, and HTHS alum, **Gloria Casarez**
    - Live music all day (**John Torres Band**, **The Valkyrians**)
    - Local designers
    - Local arts crafts and live painting
    - Local vendors and food trucks (**Not Your Mama's Tacos** and **Mary's Mobile Diner**)
    - **SoHa residents**
- **Haddonfield Township Pride Celebration at the Pool** - RSVP [via Eventbrite!](#)
  - When: June 12th; 5:00-8:00 PM
  - Where: Crystal Lake Pool (Crystal Lake Avenue, Haddon Township, NJ 08108)
- **Friends of the Library Drag Queen Story Hour** | [haddonfieldlibrary](#)
  - When: June 19th; 11:00-11:45 AM
  - Where: Online, Register at Link Above

#### **Books:**

Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets

*“This book is about the Stonewall Riots, a series of spontaneous, often violent demonstrations by members of the gay (LGBTQ+) community in reaction to a police raid that took place in the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York City. The Riots are attributed as the spark that ignited the LGBTQ+ movement.”*



#### **Podcast of the Month:**

- A Podcast series on Netflix called LGBTQ Stories provides insight on news, personal stories, struggles, and self love as a person who is part of the LGBTQ+ community

#### **Resources:**

- **LGBTQ+ Resource List**: Here is a list of different organizations supporting the LGBTQ+ community through various approaches
- **HMHS Gender-Sexuality Alliance**: our school's GSA does amazing work for the Haddonfield LGBTQ+ community. Anyone can join this club, and they ensure everyone feels welcome.

- [\*\*The Ultimate LGBTQIA+ Pride Book List\*\*](#): In addition to the featured books for this month, here are even more books to read!
- [\*\*35 Free Resources to Celebrate Pride – UNC Chapel Hill Libraries\*\*](#): Pride resources from UNC Chapel Hill.
- [\*\*59 Children's Books That Celebrate Pride - LGBTQ Book List for Kids\*\*](#): Children's book list

