

Demystify Adolescence *and* Curate Inclusion

Puberty Resources for Diverse Youth

PUBERTY!
WHERE DO WE
EVEN BEGIN?!?



The Problem

In public libraries, adolescent resources on puberty, changing bodies, sexuality, reproduction, and gender are difficult to navigate.

They're usually scattered, outdated, and non-inclusive of LGBTQ+ children and children of color.

LGBTQ+ children are much more likely to encounter bullying and physical violence during adolescence than their cisgender, heterosexual peers, and would benefit from access to information reflecting their experience

The Solution

This Project...

- Assessed over 200 books and online resources
- Weeded outdated & non-inclusive materials
- Consolidated DDC call numbers for ease of navigation
- Purchased LGBTQ+, ethnically diverse, and feminist puberty books
- Created eye-catching, annotated booklists and an online resource blog for the Lake Oswego Public Library
- Curated a toolkit and purchase list for other libraries looking to update their collection

The Impact

Now, adolescent library patrons and their caregivers have access to puberty materials representing folx who are...



Looking Forward

- As more puberty resources are published, they will go directly into the J612.6 call number, and will be added to the booklists and blog where appropriate
- Other libraries interested in creating a more browsable and inclusive puberty collection can use the toolkit and purchase list created for this process, and can link their patrons to the public blog at <https://kidspubertybooks.wixsite.com/blog>
- The LOPL collection now better reflects the experiences of LGBTQ+ patrons and patrons of color, offering them easier access to information regarding their safety and well-being



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