



LGBTQ+ MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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International Lesbian Day

 **October 11, 2024** 

International Lesbian Day is an annual celebration for lesbians around the world, honoring their history, diversity, and culture. It provides a chance for lesbians, their families, and friends to come together, celebrate, and raise awareness about the significance of community and connection.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Month of October

October is dedicated to educating communities about the prevalence and impact of domestic violence. This issue disproportionately affects LGBTQ+ people, particularly bisexual and transgender folks, highlighting the need for inclusive support and awareness.

Literature and Film

“Blessings”



A poignant fiction set in Nigeria which follows Samuel as he grapples with societal expectations, family dynamics, and his emerging sexuality.

[Good Reads Review](#)

This Month in LGBTQ+ History



Urvashi Vaid, Indian-American powerhouse was born on October 8, 1958.

She was well known for her activism around gender equality, racial justice, and LGBTQ+ civil rights. She is also the aunt of activist Alok Menon!

“Queendom”



A documentary following 21-year-old queer artist Jenna Marvin as she defies Russia's anti-LGBTQ laws, risking her life with bold public performances in surreal costumes throughout Moscow.

[Trailer](#)

LGBTQ+ Community

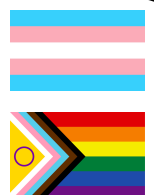


“Everywhere Is Queer is a public resource created for the LGBTQIA2S+ and ally community to find welcoming, queer-owned spaces to shop, connect, eat, and learn all over the world!”

[Website](#)



LGBTQ+ Ventura County Resources





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LGBTQ+ Education

Scarleteen is a comprehensive, inclusive, and queer focused website that provides information and resources on sexual health, relationships, and identity. It offers accessible, non-judgmental education on topics like contraception, consent, gender, and sexuality. The site also provides forums and advice columns, promoting a safe space for learning about sexual well-being and making informed choices.

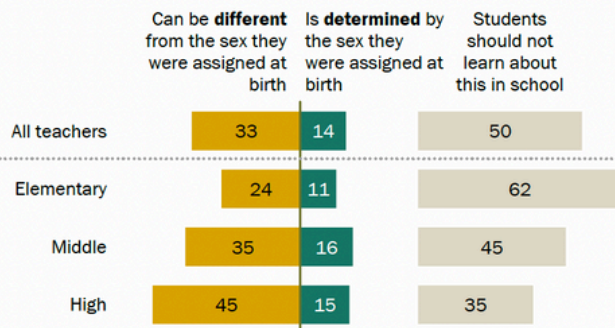


[Click here to visit their website](https://www.scarleteen.com)

Pew Research Center: Race and LGBTQ Issues in K-12 Schools

Most elementary school teachers say students shouldn't learn about gender identity at school

% of public K-12 teachers saying students should learn in school that whether someone is a boy or a girl ...



Note: Elementary, middle and high school teachers were asked about students in elementary, middle and high school, respectively. Shares of respondents who didn't offer an answer are not shown.

Source: Survey of U.S. public K-12 teachers conducted Oct. 17-Nov. 14, 2023. "Race and LGBTQ Issues in K-12 Schools"

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

"Pew Research Center conducted this study to better understand how public K-12 teachers, teens and the American public see topics related to race, sexual orientation and gender identity playing out in the classroom.

A sizeable share of teachers (41%) say these debates have had a negative impact on their ability to do their job. Just 4% say these debates have had a positive impact, while 53% say the impact has been neither positive nor negative or that these debates have had no impact. And 71% of teachers say teachers themselves don't have enough influence over what's taught in public schools in their area."

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