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April 2, 2026

**sent via email**

Al McArthur  
Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools  
750 S. Merritt Mill Rd.  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mr. McArthur:

Pursuant to §120-14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the House Select Committee on Oversight and Reform (“the Committee”) requests your appearance to testify on April 23, 2026, at 9:00 am in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

As Director of the Digital Learning and Library Services Department of Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (“CHCCS”), you are uniquely qualified to discuss books currently on the shelves and available in CHCCS elementary school libraries. It is worth noting that you have been in this role since the enactment of the Parents’ Bill of Rights (“S49”), qualifying you to speak as to your implementation, or lack thereof, of its provisions.

As your department states, “[t]he objective of the library media center is to make available to faculty and students a collection of materials that will enrich and **support the curriculum** and meet the needs of the students and faculty served.”

As you are keenly familiar, § 115C-76.55 makes clear that “curriculum includes the standard course of study and **support materials**, locally developed curriculum, supplemental instruction, **and textbooks and other supplementary materials....**”

Therefore, we implore you to familiarize yourself with the attached list of one hundred and fifty-five (155) books currently embedded across your elementary schools, in direct conflict with the Parents’ Bill of Rights (“S49”).



**Please read the remainder of this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.**

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight Committee must file with Committee Staff a written statement of proposed testimony. This must be filed by 12:00 noon one week before your appearance. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the exclusion of your written testimony from the hearing record, the barring of your oral presentation of the testimony, or both.

A witness appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony and a current résumé summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

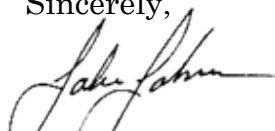
Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights, but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session only when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word (docx), PowerPoint (pptx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to [Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov](mailto:Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov) no later than 12:00 noon one week before the hearing.

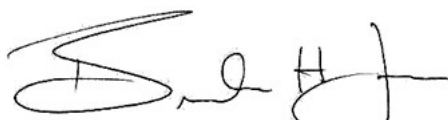
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Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Moorefield at (919) 301-2025 or [Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov](mailto:Mary.Moorefield@ncleg.gov).

Sincerely,



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Rep. Brenden Jones  
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## **LGBTQ Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools k-3, 3-6**

### ***Carrboro Elementary School***

1. I am Jazz, Jessica Herthel, call number B JEN, reading level 1.6-K through 3, Summary: The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for trans kids everywhere.

#### Follett Destiny

2. Morris Micklewhite and the tangerine dress, Christine Baldacchino, call number E BAL, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom's dress-up center and its tangerine dress. Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. He dreams about having space adventures, paints beautiful pictures and sings the loudest during circle time. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom's dress-up center -- he loves wearing the tangerine dress. But the children in Morris's class don't understand. Dresses, they say are for girls. And Morris certainly isn't welcome in the spaceship some of his classmates are building. Astronauts, they say, don't wear dresses.

#### Follett Destiny

3. Pride: The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag, Rob Sanders, call number 979.4 SAN, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: "Traces the [history] of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world"--OCLC.

#### Follett Destiny

4. Melissa, Alex Gino, call number F GIN, reading level 4.7-3 through 6, Summary: When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

#### Follett Destiny

5. The best man, Richard Peck, call number F PEC, reading level 4.9-3 through 6, Summary: Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

#### Follett Destiny

6. The list of things that will not change, Rebecca Stead, call number F STE, reading level 4.2-3 through 6, Summary: Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

#### Follett Destiny

7. Stella brings the family, Miriam Schiffer, call number E SCH, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

#### Follett Destiny

8. Home at last, Vera B. Williams, call number E WIL, reading level 4.4-K through 3, Summary: "After Lester is adopted from his foster home by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?"--Provided by publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

9. Jerome by heart, Thomas Scotto, call number E SCO, reading level 1.7-K through 3, Summary: "A young boy expresses his love for his friend Jerome"--Provided by publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

10. Julian is a mermaid, Jessica Love, call number E LOV, reading level 0.7-K through 3, Summary: "While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid

costume but what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

### ***Ephesus Elementary School***

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[Follett Destiny](#)

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#### [Follett Destiny](#)

6. It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity, Theresa Thorn, call number 153.3 THO, reading level 3.9-K through 3, Summary: "Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. This . . . straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others"--Publisher.

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### Follett Destiny

11. Joyful song: a naming story, Leslea Newman, call number E NEWMAN, reading level 3.4-K through 3, Summary: "Today Zachary's baby sister will have her naming ceremony in the temple. With his moms, the congregation, and all their friends. He's so excited he can barely contain it. On the walk from their home, they meet neighbor after neighbor who want to know the baby's name. But, not yet, his mothers tell him. The tradition is to have a great reveal at the ceremony. So, they invite each neighbor to come along"--OCLC.

### Follett Destiny

12. Heather has two mommies, Leslea Newman, call number E NEW, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: Heather, feeling bad because she has two mothers and no father, soon learns that the other children in her play group have lots of different kinds of families and the most important thing is that all the people love each other.

### Follett Destiny

13. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

14. Jack (not Jackie), Erica Silverman, call number E SIL, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: "Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead."--Publisher.

### Follett Destiny

1. Sharice's Big Voice A Native Kid Becomes A Congresswoman, Sharice Davids, call number 921 DAV, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: This picture book autobiography tells the triumphant story of Sharice Davids, one of the first Native American women elected to Congress, and the first LGBTQ congressperson to represent Kansas.

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[Follett Destiny](#)

7. A tale of two daddies, Vanita Oelschlager, call number E OEL, reading level 1.1-K through 3, Summary: A young girl answers her friend's questions about the different things her two dads do for her.

[Follett Destiny](#)

8. A tale of two mommies, Vanita Oelschlager, call number E OEL, reading level 1.8-K through 3, Summary: While playing at the beach with friends, a young boy describes the different ways in which his two mothers help him.

[Follett Destiny](#)

9. Love is love, Michael Genhert, call number E GEN, reading level 3.4-K through 3, Summary: "Teased for having two fathers, a boy views his friend's traditional family as similar to his own and realizes he can counter the ridicule by taking pride in his fathers and the love that makes them a family"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

***Frank Porter Graham Bilingue Elementary School***

1. Home at last, Vera B. Williams, call number E WIL, reading level 4.4-K through 3, Summary: "After Lester is adopted from his foster home by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?"--Provided by publisher.

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[Follett Destiny](#)

5. The witch boy, Molly Ostertag, call number GN 741.5 OST, reading level 3.9-3 through 6, Summary: "In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted ... and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical and non-conforming Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. And it will require even more courage to save his family ... and be truly himself"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

***Glenwood Elementary School***

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3. Stella brings the family, Miriam B. Schiffer, call number E Sch, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

#### Follett Destiny

4. Our subway baby, Peter Mercurio, call number 306.87 MER, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: So begins the true story of Kevin and how he found his Daddy Danny and Papa Pete.

#### Follett Destiny

5. Marley's Pride, Joelle Retener, call number E RET, reading level 4.2-K through 3, Summary: Marley is a little nonbinary kid with big anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud noises? No, thanks. When their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to the parade for the first time with their beloved grandparent. But can Marley overcome their fears?

#### Follett Destiny

6. Mama and Mommy and me in the middle, Nina LaCour, call number E LAC, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: When her mother goes on a business trip, a little girl, who loves to sit between Mama and Mommy at the table, misses her a lot and feels empty until Mommy finally comes home, filling the void with love.

### Follett Destiny

7. Harriet gets carried away, Jessie Sima, call number E SIM, reading level 2.5-K through 3, Summary: While shopping with her two dads for supplies for her birthday party, Harriet, who is wearing a penguin costume, is carried away by a waddle of penguins and must hatch a plan to get herself back to the store in the city.

### Follett Destiny

8. Kind like Marsha: learning from LGBTQ+ leaders, Sarah Prager, call number 920 PRA, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A nonfiction book for kids profiling 14 influential and inspiring leaders in the LGBTQ+ community throughout history and the world with an author's note at the back"-- Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

9. If you're a kid like Gavin: the true story of a young trans activist, Gavin Grimm, call number 306.76 GRI, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Recounts the true story of a young adult transgender activist who stood up, spoke out and fought for civil rights after his school discriminated against him, and how he is currently raising awareness and education for everyone"--OCLC.

### Follett Destiny

10. Born ready: the true story of a boy named Penelope, Jodie Patterson, call number E PAT, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: Just before his fifth birthday, Penelope lets his mother know he is a boy and, with her support and his ninja powers, faces the rest of his family and his classmates. Drawn from the author's memoir, The bold world.

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16. My Maddy, Gayle E. Pitman, call number E PIT, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither mommy nor daddy but a little bit of both, like so many things in nature. Includes note to parents.

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2. Pride puppy!, Robin Stevenson, call number E STE, reading level 1.0-K through 3, Summary: "A rhyming alphabet book featuring a family who have lost their dog at a Pride parade"-- Provided by publisher.

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3. Stella brings the family, Miriam B. Schiffer, call number E Sch, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

#### Follett Destiny

4. The rainbow Parade: a celebration of LGBTQIA+ Identities and Allies, Shane Jordan, call number E JOR, reading level 3.6-K through 3, Summary: During a stormy pride parade, a young child and their supportive father meet and help a non-binary child feel comfortable in their own skin.

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7. Call me Max, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.8-K through 3, Summary: "When Max starts school, the teacher hesitates to call out the name on the attendance sheet. Something doesn't seem to fit. Max lets her know the

name he wants to be called by--a boy's name. This begins Max's journey as he makes new friends and reveals his feelings about his identity to his parents. . . . An age-appropriate introduction to what it means to be transgender"--Provided by publisher.

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8. True you: a gender journey, Gwen Agna, call number J 306.76 AGN, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: "Sometimes it's hard when kids say you have to be a boy or a girl when you're not. Everyone should feel safe to just be who they are." Girls, boys, neither, both, or just not sure. Kids are kids! There are different ways to show and be who you are. It's up to you-how you feel, how you dress, how you act, how you play, learn, and love. Who is the true you? With the permission of their parents, the children in this photographic picture book were recorded and transcribed by authors Gwen Agna and Shelley Rotner as they were photographed. These powerful testimonials paired with a spare narrative and vibrant, joyful portraits offer up a humanizing and moving exploration of kids and how they feel about their true selves.

[Follett Destiny](#)

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5. The list of things that will not change, Rebecca Stead, call number FIC STE, reading level 4.2-3 through 6, Summary: Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

#### Follett Destiny

6. Julian is a mermaid, Jessica Love, call number E LOV, reading level 0.7-K through 3, Summary: "While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume but what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?"--OCLC.

### Follett Destiny

7. Melissa, Alex Gino, call number JPB GIN, reading level 4.7-3 through 6,  
Summary: When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

### Follett Destiny

8. Marley's Pride, Joelle Retener, call number E RET, reading level 4.2-K through 3,  
Summary: Marley is a little nonbinary kid with big anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud noises? No, thanks. When their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to the parade for the first time with their beloved grandparent. But can Marley overcome their fears?

### Follett Destiny

9. Call me Max, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.8-K through 3,  
Summary: "When Max starts school, the teacher hesitates to call out the name on the attendance sheet. Something doesn't seem to fit. Max lets her know the name he wants to be called by--a boy's name. This begins Max's journey as he makes new friends and reveals his feelings about his identity to his parents. . . . An age-appropriate introduction to what it means to be transgender"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

10. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

## ***Northside Elementary School***

1. Pride: The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag, Rob Sanders, call number B MIL, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: "Traces the [history] of the Gay

Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

2. Under one rainbow, Chris Ayala-Kronos, call number E AYA, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Celebrates Pride Month with a joyful parade of diverse LGBTQIA+ communities, emphasizing unity, resilience, and self-expression under one rainbow--even when faced with rain"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

3. Daddy, papa, and me, Leslea Newman, call number BB NEW, reading level 1.1-K through 3, Summary: Illustrations and rhyming text describe a toddler spending the day with his two daddies.

[Follett Destiny](#)

4. Harriet gets carried away, Jessie Sima, call number E SIM, reading level 2.5-K through 3, Summary: While shopping with her two dads for supplies for her birthday party, Harriet, who is wearing a penguin costume, is carried away by a waddle of penguins and must hatch a plan to get herself back to the store in the city.

[Follett Destiny](#)

5. Home at last, Vera B. Williams, call number E WIL, reading level 4.4-K through 3, Summary: "After Lester is adopted from his foster home by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich, he can't fall asleep in his new bed. What will it take to make Lester feel home at last?"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

6. Mama and Mommy and me in the middle, Nina LaCour, call number E LAC, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: When her mother goes on a business trip, a little girl, who loves to sit between Mama and Mommy at the table, misses her a lot and feels empty until Mommy finally comes home, filling the void with love.

[Follett Destiny](#)

7. Marley's Pride, Joelle Retener, call number E RET, reading level 4.2-K through 3, Summary: Marley is a little nonbinary kid with big anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud

noises? No, thanks. When their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to the parade for the first time with their beloved grandparent. But can Marley overcome their fears?

#### Follett Destiny

8. Rainbow: a first book of pride, Michael Genhart, call number E GER, reading level 0.8-K through 3, Summary: Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.

#### Follett Destiny

9. Tuesday is Daddy's Day, Elliot Krelloff, call number E KRE, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: A young girl splits her time between Mommy's house and Daddy's apartment, which he shares with his partner Harry, but when Mommy picks her up on Daddy's day the girl becomes sullen, not realizing Daddy has a wonderful surprise waiting for her at home.

#### Follett Destiny

10. This is our rainbow: 16 stories of her, him, them, and us, Katherine Locke, call number FIC LOC, reading level 5.0-3 through 6, Summary: Featuring contributions from Eric Bell, Katherine Locke and A.J. Sass, this first LGBTQA+ anthology for middle-grade readers presents stories of queer fantasy, historical and contemporary stories for every letter of the acronym.

#### Follett Destiny

11. The meaning of pride, Rosiee Thor, call number 306.76 THO, reading level 3.6-K through 3, Summary: "Celebrating the culture and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, this vibrant picture book shows young readers that there are many ways to show your pride and make a difference"--Provided by publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

12. Prince & knight, Daniel Haack, call number E HAA, reading level 3.4-K through 3, Summary: A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.

#### Follett Destiny

13. Calvin, Ronald Martin Ford Jr., call number E FOR, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: "A transgender boy prepares for the first day of school and introduces himself to his family and friends for the first time"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

14. If you're a kid like Gavin: the true story of a young trans activist, Gavin Grimm, call number 306.76 GRI, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Recounts the true story of a young adult transgender activist who stood up, spoke out and fought for civil rights after his school discriminated against him, and how he is currently raising awareness and education for everyone"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

15. Sylvia and Marsha start a revolution!: the story of the trans women of color who made LGBTQ+ history, Joy Michael Ellison, call number 306.76 ELL, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: ""Someday girls like us will be able to wear whatever we want. People will call us by the names we choose. They'll respect that we are women. The cops will leave us alone and no one will go hungry." Sylvia and Marsha are closer than sisters. They are kind and brave and not afraid to speak their truth, even when it makes other people angry. This illustrated book introduces children to the story of Sylvia Rivera and Marsha P. Johnson, the two transgender women of color who helped kickstart the Stonewall Riots and dedicated their lives to fighting for LGBTQ+ equality. It introduces children to issues surrounding gender identity and diversity, accompanied by a reading guide and teaching materials to further the conversation."-- Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

16. I am Jazz, Jessica Herthel, call number B JEN, reading level 1.6-K through 3, Summary: The story of a transgender child based on the real-life experience of Jazz Jennings, who has become a spokesperson for trans kids everywhere.

[Follett Destiny](#)

17. Jack (not Jackie), Erica Silverman, call number E SIL, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: "Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead."--Publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

18. Max and the talent show, Kyle Lukoff, call number PB E LUK, reading level 1.5-K through 3, Summary: "Max's friend Steven is great at many things. But more than anything else, Steven can tell a story. When Steven signs up for the school's talent show, Max signs up to be his assistant. After selecting that just-right dress and those just-right shoes for the show, the moment arrives. Steven steps onto the stage. The lights shine brightly in his face. He looks out into the crowd realizing he has prepared everything, except the one thing that matters -- his performance. What will Max, standing in the wings, do to help his friend?"--Dust jacket.

[Follett Destiny](#)

19. My rainbow, Trinity Neal, call number E NEA, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter, based on the real-life experience of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal"-- Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

20. Melissa, Alex Gino, call number F GIN, reading level 4.7-3 through 6, Summary: When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

[Follett Destiny](#)

21. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

22. Born ready: the true story of a boy named Penelope, Jodie Patterson, call number E PAT, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: Just before his fifth birthday, Penelope lets his mother know he is a boy and, with her support and his

ninja powers, faces the rest of his family and his classmates. Drawn from the author's memoir, *The bold world*.

[Follett Destiny](#)

23. *The pronoun book*, Chris Ayala-Kronos, call number BB AYA, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: "How do you know what someone wants to be called? Ask! This . . . board book features . . . illustrations of a diverse cast of people and simple text that introduces their pronouns"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

24. *Queer and Fearless poems celebrating the lives of LGBTQ+ heroes*, Rob Sanders, call number 811 SAN, reading level 1.2-All, Summary: Learn about the lives of some of the most important LGBTQ+ heroes in this unique picture book that combines poetry and biographical information to honor those at the forefront of LGBTQ+ history.

[Follett Destiny](#)

25. *ABC pride*, Elly Barnes, call number 306.76, reading level 3.3-K through 3, Summary: "ABC Pride introduces little readers to the alphabet through the colorful world of Pride. Children can discover letters and words while also learning more about the LGBTQIA+ community and how to be inclusive"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

26. *A church for all*, Gayle E. Pitman, call number E PIT, reading level 1.0-K through 3, Summary: Celebrates a diverse community on a Sunday morning at an inclusive church that welcomes all people regardless of age, class, race, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

[Follett Destiny](#)

27. *It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity*, Theresa Thorn, call number 153.3 THO, reading level 3.9-K through 3, Summary: "Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. This . . . straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others"--Publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

28. Jacobs new dress, Sarah Hoffman, call number E HOF, reading level 1.7-K through 3, Summary: Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too.

[Follett Destiny](#)

29. Love without bounds: an IntersectionAllies book about families, Chelsea Johnson, call number E JOH, reading level 3.1-K through 3, Summary, "[Presents] a joyful, heartwarming celebration of family in all its forms: multicultural families; LGBTQ+ families; adoptive and foster care families; single-parent and blended families; transnational families; families impacted by incarceration, detention, and deportation; chosen families; military families; and more"--Amazon.

[Follett Destiny](#)

30. Jacobs room to choose, Sarah Hoffman, call number E HOF, reading level 2.1-K through 3, Summary: "After Jacob and Sophie are prevented from using their school's bathrooms, their teacher helps her students write new rules about who can use which bathroom"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

31. Julian is a mermaid, Jessica Love, call number E LOV, reading level 0.7-K through 3, Summary: "While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume but what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

32. Morris Micklewhite and the tangerine dress, Christine Baldacchino, call number E BAL, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: Morris is a little boy who loves using his imagination. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom's dress-up center and its tangerine dress. Morris is a little boy who loves using his

imagination. He dreams about having space adventures, paints beautiful pictures and sings the loudest during circle time. But most of all, Morris loves his classroom's dress-up center -- he loves wearing the tangerine dress. But the children in Morris's class don't understand. Dresses, they say are for girls. And Morris certainly isn't welcome in the spaceship some of his classmates are building. Astronauts, they say, don't wear dresses.

#### Follett Destiny

33. My Maddy, Gayle E. Pitman, call number E PIT, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: A child celebrates her Maddy, who is neither mommy nor daddy but a little bit of both, like so many things in nature. Includes note to parents.

#### Follett Destiny

### ***Rashkis Elementary School***

1. Kind like Marsha: learning from LGBTQ+ leaders, Sarah Prager, call number 920 BAR, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A nonfiction book for kids profiling 14 influential and inspiring leaders in the LGBTQ+ community throughout history and the world with an author's note at the back"-- Provided by publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

2. ABC pride, Elly Barnes, call number 306.76 BAR, reading level 3.3-K through 3, Summary: "ABC Pride introduces little readers to the alphabet through the colorful world of Pride. Children can discover letters and words while also learning more about the LGBTQIA+ community and how to be inclusive"--OCLC.

#### Follett Destiny

3. Calvin, Ronald Martin Ford Jr., call number E FOR, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: "A transgender boy prepares for the first day of school and introduces himself to his family and friends for the first time"--Provided by publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

4. Julian is a mermaid, Jessica Love, call number E LOV, reading level 0.7-K through 3, Summary: "While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can

think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume but what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?"--OCLC.

[Follett Destiny](#)

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[Follett Destiny](#)

6. Mama and Mommy and me in the middle, Nina LaCour, call number E LAC, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: When her mother goes on a business trip, a little girl, who loves to sit between Mama and Mommy at the table, misses her a lot and feels empty until Mommy finally comes home, filling the void with love.

[Follett Destiny](#)

7. Stella brings the family, Miriam Schiffer, call number E SCH, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

[Follett Destiny](#)

8. Jack (not Jackie), Erica Silverman, call number E SIL, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: "Susan loves her baby sister, Jackie, but as Jackie grows older and behaves more and more like a boy Susan must adjust to having a brother, Jack, instead."--Publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

9. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

***Scroggs Elementary School***

1. Kind like Marsha: learning from LGBTQ+ leaders, Sarah Prager, call number 920 PRA, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A nonfiction book for kids profiling 14 influential and inspiring leaders in the LGBTQ+ community throughout history and the world with an author's note at the back"-- Provided by publisher.

[Follett Destiny](#)

2. If you're a kid like Gavin: the true story of a young trans activist, Gavin Grimm, call number 306.76 GRI, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Recounts the true story of a young adult transgender activist who stood up, spoke out and fought for civil rights after his school discriminated against him, and how he is currently raising awareness and education for everyone"--OCLC.

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3. Born ready: the true story of a boy named Penelope, Jodie Patterson, call number E PAT, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: Just before his fifth

birthday, Penelope lets his mother know he is a boy and, with her support and his ninja powers, faces the rest of his family and his classmates. Drawn from the author's memoir, *The bold world*.

#### Follett Destiny

4. *It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity*, Theresa Thorn, call number 153.3 THO, reading level 3.9-K through 3, Summary: "Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. This . . . straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others"--Publisher.

#### Follett Destiny

5. *Jacobs new dress*, Sarah Hoffman, call number E HOF, reading level 1.7-K through 3, Summary: Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too.

#### Follett Destiny

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7. *Prince & knight*, Daniel Haack, call number E HAA, reading level 3.4-K through 3, Summary: A prince and a knight in shining armor find true love in each other's embrace after fighting a dragon together.

#### Follett Destiny

8. *Upstaged*, Robin Easter, call number GN EAS, reading level 3.2-3 through 6, Summary: "Best friends Ivy and Ash arrive for a third summer at arts camp, but

Ash struggles to tell Ivy about their developing feelings for her"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

9. The witch boy, Molly Ostertag, call number GN OST, reading level 3.9-3 through 6, Summary: "In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted ... and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical and non-conforming Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. And it will require even more courage to save his family ... and be truly himself"--OCLC.

### Follett Destiny

10. Marley's Pride, Joelle Retener, call number E RET, reading level 4.2-K through 3, Summary: Marley is a little nonbinary kid with big anxieties. Crowds? Pass. Loud noises? No, thanks. When their Zaza is up for an award at Pride, they want to go to the parade for the first time with their beloved grandparent. But can Marley overcome their fears?

### Follett Destiny

11. A house for everyone: a story to help children learn about gender identity and gender expression, Jo Hirst, call number E HIR, reading level 1.6-K through 3, Summary: "At lunchtime, all of Tom's friends gather at school to work together building their house. Each one of them has a special job to do, and each one of them has a different way of expressing their gender identity. Jackson is a boy who likes to wear dresses. Ivy is a girl who likes her hair cut really short. Alex doesn't feel like 'just' a boy, or 'just' a girl. They are all the same, they are all different - but they are all friends. A very simple story that challenges gender stereotypes and shows 4 to 8 year olds that it is OK to be yourself"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

12. The ink witch, Steph Cherrywell, call number F CHE, reading level 4.2-3 through 6, Summary: "A trans girl discovers that her boring mother comes from a powerful and dangerous family of witches"--Provided by publisher.

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13. My rainbow, Trinity Neal, call number E NEA, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter, based on the real-life experience of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal"-- Provided by publisher.

### [Follett Destiny](#)

14. Sam is my sister, Ashley Rhodes-Courter, call number E RHO, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: Evan, Sam, and Finn fish, climb trees, and play astronauts together, but when Sam wants to have long hair and wear dresses, Evan is confused until he learns what it means to be transgender.

### [Follett Destiny](#)

15. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"-- Provided by publisher.

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16. Pride: The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag, Rob Sanders, call number 979.4 SAN, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: "Traces the [history] of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world"-- OCLC.

### [Follett Destiny](#)

17. 'Twas the night before Pride, Joanna McClintick, call number E McC, reading level 3.7-K through 3, Summary: "On the night before Pride, families everywhere are preparing to partake. As one family packs snacks and makes signs, an older sibling shares the importance of the march with the newest member of the family. Reflecting on the day, the siblings agree that the best thing about Pride is getting to be yourself"-- Provided by publisher.

### [Follett Destiny](#)

18. The list of things that will not change, Rebecca Stead, call number F STE, reading level 4.2-3 through 6, Summary: Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea

is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

#### Follett Destiny

19. Grandad's pride, Harry Woodgate, call number E WOO, reading level 4.1-K through 3, Summary: "After Milly discovers a pride flag in Grandad's attic, this . . . pair are motivated by the past to start a pride parade in their small town. Activism and celebration go hand in hand as the town gathers to help build a world where everyone is proud to be themselves"--Provided by publisher.

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20. Harriet gets carried away, Jessie Sima, call number E SIM, reading level 2.5-K through 3, Summary: While shopping with her two dads for supplies for her birthday party, Harriet, who is wearing a penguin costume, is carried away by a waddle of penguins and must hatch a plan to get herself back to the store in the city.

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#### Follett Destiny

23. My mommies built a treehouse, Gareth Peter, call number E PET, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: "When one boy sets out to build the treehouse of his dreams, there's so much to consider --from finding the perfect tree to drawing up the plans. There are certainly challenges along the way, and a lot of spilled paint! But one thing is for sure--he won't go too far wrong with his two mommies to support him"--Amazon.

### Follett Destiny

24. Rainbow: a first book of pride, Michael Genhart, call number E GER, reading level 0.8-K through 3, Summary: Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.

### Follett Destiny

25. Stella brings the family, Miriam Schiffer, call number E SCH, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: Stella brings her two fathers to school to celebrate Mother's Day.

### Follett Destiny

## ***Seawell Elementary School***

1. It feels good to be yourself: a book about gender identity, Theresa Thorn, call number 153.3 THO, reading level 3.9-K through 3, Summary: "Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. This . . . straightforward exploration of gender identity will give children a fuller understanding of themselves and others"--Publisher.

### Follett Destiny

2. Calvin, Ronald Martin Ford Jr., call number E FOR, reading level 2.3-K through 3, Summary: "A transgender boy prepares for the first day of school and introduces himself to his family and friends for the first time"--Provided by publisher.

### Follett Destiny

3. Jacobs new dress, Sarah Hoffman, call number E HOF, reading level 1.7-K through 3, Summary: Jacob, who likes to wear dresses at home, convinces his parents to let him wear a dress to school, too.

### Follett Destiny

4. Julian is a mermaid, Jessica Love, call number E LOV, reading level 0.7-K through 3, Summary: "While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. Their hair billows in brilliant hues, their dresses end in fishtails, and their joy fills the train car. When Julian gets home, daydreaming of the magic he's seen, all he can

think about is dressing up just like the ladies in his own fabulous mermaid costume but what will Abuela think about the mess he makes--and even more importantly, what will she think about how Julián sees himself?"--OCLC.

### Follett Destiny

5. Melissa, Alex Gino, call number F GIN, reading level 4.7-3 through 6, Summary: When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

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6. Melissa, Alex Gino, call number F GIN, reading level 4.7-3 through 6, Summary: When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. Then her teacher announces that their class play is going to be Charlotte's Web. George really, really, REALLY wants to play Charlotte. But the teacher says she can't even try out for the part . . . because she's a boy. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan. Not just so she can be Charlotte -- but so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

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7. The witch boy, Molly Ostertag, call number GN OST, reading level 3.9-3 through 6, Summary: "In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted ... and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. It will take the encouragement of a new friend, the non-magical and non-conforming Charlie, to convince Aster to try practicing his skills. And it will require even more courage to save his family ... and be truly himself"--OCLC.

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8. True you: a gender journey, Gwen Agna, call number J 306.76 AGN, reading level 2.0-K through 3, Summary: "Sometimes it's hard when kids say you have to be a boy or a girl when you're not. Everyone should feel safe to just be who they

are." Girls, boys, neither, both, or just not sure. Kids are kids! There are different ways to show and be who you are. It's up to you-how you feel, how you dress, how you act, how you play, learn, and love. Who is the true you? With the permission of their parents, the children in this photographic picture book were recorded and transcribed by authors Gwen Agna and Shelley Rotner as they were photographed. These powerful testimonials paired with a spare narrative and vibrant, joyful portraits offer up a humanizing and moving exploration of kids and how they feel about their true selves.

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9. When Aiden became a brother, Kyle Lukoff, call number E LUK, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby"--Provided by publisher.

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10. My rainbow, Trinity Neal, call number E NEA, reading level 2.0-P through 2, Summary: "A dedicated mom puts love into action as she creates the perfect rainbow-colored wig for her transgender daughter, based on the real-life experience of mother-daughter advocate duo Trinity and DeShanna Neal"-- Provided by publisher.

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11. Pride: The story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag, Rob Sanders, call number 979.4 SAN, reading level 3.2-K through 3, Summary: "Traces the [history] of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world"--OCLC.

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12. Rainbow: a first book of pride, Michael Genhart, call number E GER, reading level 0.8-K through 3, Summary: Children from different kinds of families demonstrate the original meanings of the colors in the rainbow flag, and then come together at a Pride parade.

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13. The list of things that will not change, Rebecca Stead, call number F STE, reading level 4.2-3 through 6, Summary: Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

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14. Molly and the Twin Towers: a 9/11 survival story, Jessika Fleck, call number F GIR, reading level 2.4-K through 3, Summary: "When the Twin Towers fall on September 11, 2001, blocks from her school, twelve-year-old Molly, unable to reach her dads or Gran, must find her seven-year-old sister, Adi, and get her safely home. Includes author's note, glossary, and discussion questions"--OCLC.

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