

2024 Rainbow List for Children

The 2024 Rainbow List is selected by the committee of the Rainbow Project, a joint task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Queer Round Table of the American Library Association. This booklist includes selected titles for children available in HSPLS. Books with an *asterisk are "Top Ten Titles." For the complete 2024 Rainbow List, visit [2024 Rainbow List](#). Some titles may be available in e- formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.

Preschool



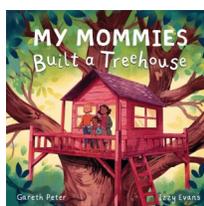
Grant, Shauntay and Kitt Thomas (illustrator)

My Fade is Fresh

E Grant, Ages 3-7

Picture Book, Fiction – Realistic

A young child goes into the barbershop and wants to get her long hair cut into a fade. While the adults try to convince her to get something more gendered, the child stays true to her choice.



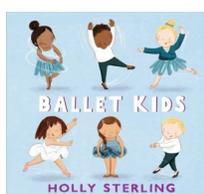
Peter, Gareth and Izzy Evans (illustrator)

***My Mommies Built a Treehouse**

E Peter, Ages 4-6

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

When a child wants a treehouse built in his backyard to play in, his moms jump at the challenge to build the most perfect one.



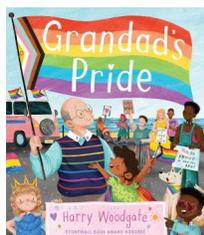
Sterling, Holly

Ballet Kids

E Sterling, Ages 3-7

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

This cute picture book is about a young boy in a ballet class who enjoys dressing up for his role as the sugarplum fairy in a recital.



Woodgate, Harry

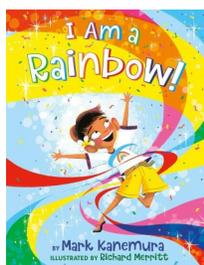
***Grandad's Pride**

E Woodgate, Ages 3-6

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

When Milly finds her Grandad's old Pride flag in the attic, she learns about the adventures her Gramps and Grandad had at Pride parades when they were younger and organizes a new Pride celebration in their village.

Early Elementary



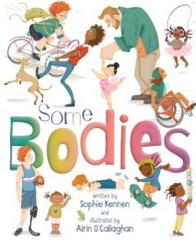
Kanemura, Mark and Richard Merritt (illustrator)

I Am a Rainbow

E Kanemura, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

Mark loves to dance, be vibrant, and sparkle at home. But when he's at school he wishes he was someone else. When his parents give him a rainbow cape, Mark finds a group of other rainbow loving kids at the park who teach him to love himself exactly as he is.



Kennen, Sophie and Airin O'Callaghan (illustrator)

Some Bodies

E Kennen, Ages 6-7

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

All bodies are celebrated in this diverse and inclusive book on body positivity, including a spread that shows a trans person's top surgery scars.



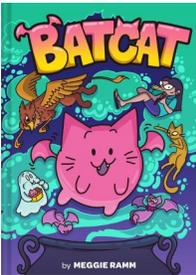
Trimmer, Christian and J Yang (illustrator)

The Good Hair Day

E Trimmer, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction - Realistic

Noah's birthday is approaching and he feels ashamed to ask for the long hair he really wants. After all, none of the men in his family have long hair. When his dad takes him for a birthday haircut, Noah cries to see the hair he had cut away. When his birthday comes, Noah gets the best present--his very own wig.



Ramm, Meggie

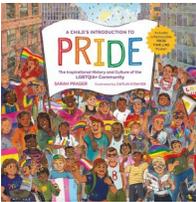
Batcat

J GN Batcat or J GN Ramm, Ages 6-9

Graphic Novel, Fiction - Fantasy

For readers who loved Oglivy or Neither, Batcat is the perfect book for kids who don't fit into specific groups or stereotypes. Fun imagery mixed with silly animal personalities makes this graphic novel a fun read for any- one.

Upper Elementary



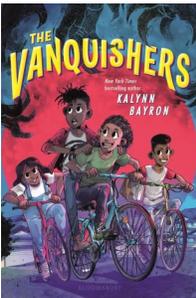
Prager, Sarah and Caitlin O'Dwyer (illustrator)

***A Child's Introduction to Pride: The Inspirational History and Culture of LGBTQIA+ Community**

J 306.76 Pr, Ages 8-12

Nonfiction, Informational

This jam-packed nonfiction book for kids covers LGBTQIA+ identities and pronouns, as well as the history of LGBTQIA+ people and movements from the precolonial world through to today. Well-documented and exceptionally written with vibrant illustrations, this book is sure to engage children with LGBTQIA+ Pride.



Bayron, Kalynn

The Vanquishers

J Bayron, Ages 8-11

Fiction - Fantasy

The Vanquishers is an action-packed middle grade novel about best friends who band together to save their friend from the menace of vampires which they have been warned about their whole lives. With funny and heartfelt characters, this book has amazing representation with Black main characters and a non-binary character who uses they/them pronouns.



Horne, Maggie

Hazel Hill is Going to Win This One

J Horne, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

Heartwarming story about a young lesbian in middle school finding friends and fighting for justice against sexual harassment.



Johnson, Leah
***Ellie Engle Saves Herself**

J Johnson, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

After an unexpected earthquake on the night before the first day of school, Ellie Engle feels different. Then she accidentally brings her dead Beta Fish to life again, and Ellie realizes that being a superhero does not make middle school any easier.



Melleby, Nicole and A. J. Sass

***Camp Quiltbag**

J Melleby, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

Abigail and Kai end up at the same summer camp for Queer kids for very different reasons, and what starts out as a plan to help each other with their respective camp goals turns into a true friendship.



Pancholy, Maulik

***Nikhil Out Loud**

YA Pancholy, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

Nikhil is your average kid, that is, if average means living with your mom, going to school, and being the voice of a famous children's animated tv show. When Nikhil has to move across the country due to a sick grandparent, his life is turned upside down with new school-mates, a new studio, and a new article outing himself in the school newspaper. Average, right? So I ask you one question...are you ready?



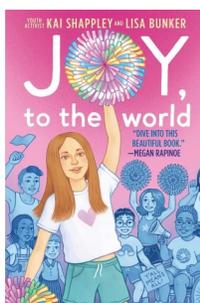
Riley, Ronnie

***Jude Saves the World**

J Riley, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

Jude may not think they know much in life, but they do know themselves. Follow Jude as they save the world through self love, understanding, and creating community in the best place in the world, the library! Join Jude as they save the world!



Shappley, Kai and Lisa Bunker

***Joy, to the World**

J Shappley, Ages 8-12

Fiction - Realistic

Joy and her friends are ready to try out for the 7th grade cheerleading squad. But when Joy gets outed as transgender, she is banned from the team because of a new Texas bill. But Joy, her mom, and her friends decide to fight back.



Symes-Smith, Esme

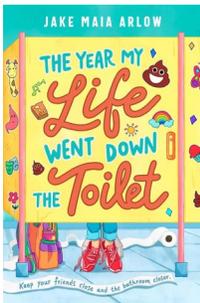
***Sir Callie and the Champions of Helston**

J Symes-Smith, Ages 8-12

Fiction-Fantasy

In this magical, middle-grade title, Callie has to defy gender norms to train as a knight and become a hero like their father before them.

Middle School



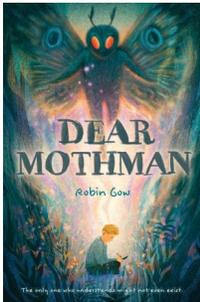
Arlow, Jake Maia

***The Year My Life Went Down the Toilet**

J Arlow, Ages 10-14

Fiction - Realistic

Twelve-year-old AI Schneider's stomach hurts all the time and she's fairly certain she's attracted to girls. When she is diagnosed with Crohns and starts attending an IBD support group, she feels like her life couldn't possibly get more embarrassing. But in talking freely about bowels with other kids her own age, and falling head over heels for a cute girl who also has IBD, AI starts to see the value in all aspects of her life, even the super messy ones.



Gow, Robin

Dear Mothman

J Gow, Ages 10-14

Novel in Verse, Fiction - Realistic

In this middle grade novel in verse a young trans boy, who is on the spectrum, named Noah writes letters to Mothman in an effort to deal with the death of his best friend. The letters also allow Noah to come to understand his own trans identity and what it means to him.



Riordan, Rick and Mark Oshiro

The Sun and the Star

J Riordan, Ages 10-14 *Fiction - Fantasy*

Nico diAngelo, son of the Greek God Hades, and his boyfriend Will Solace, son of Apollo, are tasked with a quest to go into Tartarus and help the Titan Bob. The quest has the two demigods meet foes and friends old and new, and tests their relationship to its breaking point.



Quin, Tegan, Sara Quin, and Tillie Walden (illustrator)

Tegan and Sara: Junior High

J/YA Tegan, J/YA B Quin, or

J/YA 782.42164 Quin, Ages 10-14

Graphic Novel, Fiction - Biography

In this semi-biographical memoir, indie artists Tegan and Sara Quin give a glimpse into the middle school experience as they test friendships, develop crushes, and explore making music.

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