



Introducing Q Digital

Quatrefoil cardholders now have access to audiobooks and e-books with the Libby App

In October, Quatrefoil Library launched its first-ever collection of e-books and audiobooks.

Anyone with a Q Card may browse a diverse and growing selection of new and classic LGBTQ+ books and borrow items with a few clicks.

Thanks to the generosity of a Quatrefoil board member and a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, all Q Digital items may be borrowed at no charge.

“We have thought for several years how much we would love to have digital offerings to complement our nation-leading collection of LGBTQ+ print books,” said Claude Peck, president of Quatrefoil.

“This launch marks an exciting new era with the potential to engage new audiences,” he said. “Those who cannot easily visit the library in person, for whatever reason, can access hundreds of titles for free.”

Quatrefoil buys rights to books from Overdrive, the nation’s leading provider of e-books and audiobooks. Through Overdrive’s Libby app, users with a Q Card are able to check out e-books and audiobooks remotely.

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E-books and audiobooks may be borrowed for up to 14 days, and renewed if there is no wait list for the title.

The library’s acquisitions team is adding Q Digital titles, with an emphasis on diversity and representation. Books by and about queer people of color make up more than 25% of the digital collection of **more than 500 titles**.

“Buying licenses for e-books and audiobooks is expensive,” Peck said. “Looking ahead, we will rely on donors to help us build our growing digital collection, since Quatrefoil is committed to making these materials available for free.”

Make a gift to Quatrefoil at qlibrary.org or send a check to: Quatrefoil Library, 1220 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55407.

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List, Part 2

Best books! Great movies!

Top Five Queer Coming of Age Stories

Cantoras by Carolina de Robertis

Political resistance under 1970s Uruguayan dictatorship, deep friendship and love by the seaside — my favorite book of all time!

Stray City: A Novel by Chelsey Johnson

A sweet, funny book for any of us bisexuals who came up under the silly concept of “gold star lesbian,” and a delightful look into the world of ‘90s gay Portland.

Pulp by Robin Talley Back and forth in time! Mystery! Queer history! A great novel for young people and adults.

One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston I still have a crush on train girl.

Life is Wonderful and People are Terrific by Meliza Bañales Short stories about being a Xicana punk riot grrrl. Fierce, sexy, heartbreaking and healing — I couldn’t put this book down.

— Sheila Nezhad is a Minneapolis community organizer who believes everything can be done in high femme leopard print, even political campaigns

Uncovering Queer Lives: Five great books that highlight overlooked LGBTQ+ histories

Last Call: A True Story of Love, Lust, and Murder in Queer New York by Elon Green A true crime thriller that brilliantly reconstructs a murder investigation in 1980s and ‘90s New York City by placing the focus on the lives, loves and aspirations of the victims.

Doctor Mom Chung of the Fair-Haired Bastards by Judy Tzu-Chun Wu The highly readable story of Dr. Margaret Chung, a Chinese American physician who hosted a salon in San Francisco during World War II while challenging the era’s strictures related to gender and sexuality.



Sapphic Slashers by Lisa Duggan

A gruesome murder in Memphis, Tennessee, is used to explore the sexual limitations surrounding female relationships at the turn of the 20th century.

Secret Historian: The Life and Times of Samuel Steward, Professor, Tattoo Artist, and Sexual Renegade by Justin Spring A “stranger-than-fiction” biography.

Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments by Saidiya Hartman

An innovative examination of how Black women in New York and Philadelphia pushed the limits of social and sexual “respectability” during the early 20th century.

— Chris Elias, author of *Gossip Men: J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, Roy Cohn, and the Politics of Insinuation*

Seven LGBTQ-Affirming Sources of Sex Education

What Makes a Baby by Cory Silverberg This picture book uses blobby, colorful bodies and gender-neutral language to guide a conversation about where babies come from in a way that can reflect any family configuration and story.

Who Are You? The Kid’s Guide to Gender Identity by Brook Pessin-Whedbee This simple book asks young kids questions about who they are, what kinds of clothes and hobbies they like, and how they have grown.

Sex is a Funny Word by Cory Silverberg A graphic novel following four 8-to-10-year-olds in diverse families learning about their bodies, puberty and relationships.

Wait, What? A Comic Book Guide to Relationships, Bodies, and Growing Up by Heather Corinna and Isabella Rotman Five middle schoolers, some of whom are queer and trans, help each other begin to

consider complicated subjects in age-appropriate, approachable and affirming ways.

You Know, Sex: Bodies, Gender, Puberty, and Other Things by Cory Silverberg Four friends move into middle-school sex-ed class.

S.E.X., The All-You-Need-To-Know Sexuality Guide to Get You Through Your Teens and Twenties by Heather Corinna The most comprehensive resource for teens and young adults.

Let’s Talk About It by Matthew Nolan and Erika Moen A body-positive, diverse and affirming graphic novel that would be a great companion for older teens who are thinking about sexuality.

— Chandler Daily, on behalf of the Family Tree Clinic

Five Essential Queer Armenian memoirs

Me as Her Again: True Stories of an Armenian Daughter by Nancy Agabian Agabian’s narrative spans geography and time: her childhood in Massachusetts, her twenties in Los Angeles, and stories of the Genocide told to her by her mother and grandmother.

BALLS: It Takes Some to Get Some by Chris Edwards Edwards opens with, “So I’m standing there, peeing at a urinal for the first time.” With humor and tenderness, he chronicles his gender affirmation from college graduation to the present day.

Dancing Man: A Broadway Choreographer’s Journey by Bob Avian Published in 2020, this is the first memoir written by a gay Armenian-American. The child of Armenian Genocide survivors, Avian went on to win two Tony awards, a Laurence Olivier award and two Drama Desk awards.

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Straight to Gay: Coming Out Saved My Life Creating Joy and Health by Audrey Kouyoumdjian

A kiss changed Kouyoumdjian's life. She hopes her "tell-all expose" will awaken the reader's "own courage to change situations you thought were permanent, and ultimately live your authentic life."

Lion Woman's Legacy: An Armenian-American Memoir by Arlene Voski Avakian

Avakian walks us through her divorce and her first relationships with women, sharing the wide-ranging emotions that come with the transition of breaking free from heteronormative expectations.

— JP Der Boghossian, speaker, founder of the Queer Armenian Library, and host of the podcast *This Queer Book Saved My Life!*

Five Gay Films with Superb Literary and Musical Companions

Maurice (1987) Based on the 1971 novel of the same name by E. M. Forster, with a score composed by Richard Robbins.

Querelle (1982) Inspired by the 1947 French novel by Jean Genet, with a soundtrack composed by Peer Raben.

The Power of the Dog (2021) The Netflix film based on Thomas Savage's 1967 novel of the same name has a score composed by Jonny Greenwood.

Brokeback Mountain (2005) Based on Annie Proulx's 1997 short story and featuring a soundtrack composed by Gustavo Santaolalla.

Call Me by Your Name (2017) Based on the 2007 novel by André Aciman. Motion picture soundtrack is a compilation of various artists.

— Derick Schultz, author of *Redacted*

Nine Great Science Fiction and Fantasy Books Written Before Y2K

Return to Neverÿon by Samuel R. Delany A complex and intricate fantasy series about power and consent by a master of the craft.

Trouble and Her Friends by Melissa Scott The first queer cyberpunk novel.

The Gilda Stories by Jewelle Gomez Featuring a Black queer female vampire.

The Dyke and the Dybbuk by Ellen Galford Kick off Hanukkah with a hilarious novel by a wildly underrated author.

Swordspoint by Ellen Kushner Hot men with sharp swords. Full of duels and intrigue!

Temporary Agency by Rachel Pollack Delightfully weird fantasy by one of the premier trans authors in the genre.

Silverglass by J. F. Rivkin Classic late-1980s tale with a bi swordswoman and her on-again-off-again lover and companion.

The Zanzibar Cat by Joanna Russ Thought-provoking, often brilliant short stories by one of the first out lesbian authors in SF&F.

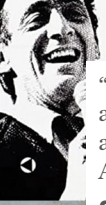
Was by Geoff Ryman Judy Garland, AIDS, Oz and free will — a complicated fantasy novel about a complicated time.

— Catherine Lundoff is the publisher at Queen of Swords Press, a Minneapolis-based small press specializing in fiction from out of this world.

Six Classic Movies From the 1940s and '50s with Gay Heartthrobs Playing It Straight (Well, Mostly)

Rope (1948) — Farley Granger
Concert pianist Granger and his





“roommate,” a sinister John Dillinger, host a soiree in their fab New York City apartment. On the talky side for director Alfred Hitchcock, but still fun.

Strangers on a Train (1951) – Farley Granger More Hitchcock. Granger is a dreamy pro tennis player involved in a bizarre “murder trading” scheme. Hitchcock’s daughter Pat is delightful in a small but pivotal role.

All That Heaven Allows (1955) – Rock Hudson If you like technicolor, snooty country clubbers, and May-December romance, this Douglas Sirk classic is for you. *Far From Heaven* (2002) is Todd Haynes’s take on the story.

Written on the Wind (1956) – Rock Hudson Hudson, a Sirk favorite, is a geologist mixed up with a wealthy, highly dysfunctional Texas oil family.

The Heiress (1949) – Montgomery Clift Clift, a handsome but poor dilettante, romances the plain but wealthy title character (Olivia De Havilland). One of the best endings ever, IMHO.

A Place in The Sun (1951) – Montgomery Clift If creepy lakes and rickety boats scare you, sit this one out, but the cinematography and Shelley Winters are fantastic.

– Gary Eldon Peter, author of *Oranges and The Complicated Calculus (and Cows)* of Carl Paulsen

Five Epics by Fantastic Trans Writers

Lote by Shola von Reinhold A meta-epic bursting with glamor; an incredible treatise on aesthetics that necessarily reworks modernist literary history.

The Call-Out: A Novel in Rhyme by Cat Fitzpatrick A hot-off-the-presses gossip stream situating trans micro-community as comedy of manners, with dishy scandals and spiraling subplots set perfectly in rhyme.

Tengo Miedo Torero / My Tender Matador by Pedro Lemebel A queer literary classic by a Chilean literary icon: a heartbreaking political romance with cinematic action centered on daily life under Pinochet. One of my favorite novels of all time!

Faltas: Letters to Everyone in My Hometown Who Isn’t My Rapist by Cecilia Gentili A fascinating, innovative melodrama so immediate that you’ll be screaming at the top of your lungs while this epistolary revenge plot unravels, one letter at a time.

Sterling Karat Gold by Isabel Waidner This genre-expansive, hypercolor novel from one of our great experimental writers does it all: beloved characters who time travel the globe; queer sport as theater, theater as queer sport; literary wildness like you’ve never seen before with biting class critique at its soulful core.

– Maxe Crandall, author of *The Nancy Reagan Collection* and Associate Director of Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Stanford University

Top Six Short Story Collections by Queer Writers

The World and Other Places by Jeanette Winterson Passionate and funny stories about love, lust, and the strangeness of humanity. Winterson is a literary classic; all her books are worth the time.

The Terrible Girls by Rebecca Brown Dark and absurd queer relationships whose characters you never truly know but easily identify with in their depth of vulnerability and emotion.

New York 1, Tel Aviv 0: Stories by Shelly Oria Global and personal at once, Oria weaves together the worlds of Israel and the U.S. through charming, funny, intelligent, and lonely characters. Easy to read and connect to in the truest way.

Rainbow Rainbow: Stories by Lydia Conklin New book alert! Nonbinary,

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queer, trans, heart-wrenching stories that represent so many LGBTQ+ folk. (I recently interviewed Conklin about this beautiful book. Find the interview in MAYDAY Magazine.)

No One Belongs Here More Than You by **Miranda July** Tender and sexy and strange and eclectic. July is equally known as a filmmaker and performance artist.

Trash: Short Stories by **Dorothy Allison** Working class, southern, gritty stories. Intense, like all of her work. Winner of two Lambda awards.

— **Raki Kopernik**, author of *The Things You Left* and *The Memory House*

Five Favorite Under-Recognized Queer Authors

- **Patrick White** – **Jonathan Williams**
- **Timothy Findley** – **Paul Monette**
- **Jim Grimsley**

— **William Reichard**, author of seven collections of poetry including *Our Delicate Barricades Downed* and *The Night Horse: New and Selected Poems*

Top Five Memoirs by Local LGBTQ+ Authors Who Have Read in the Queer Voices Reading Series

Self, Divided by **John Medeiros**

Sinkhole: A Legacy of Suicide by **Juliet Patterson**

Swinging on the Garden Gate: A Spiritual Memoir by **Elizabeth Jarrett Andrew**

Prairie Silence: A Memoir by **Melanie Hoffert**

Dying to Hang with the Boys by **Nate Cannon**

— **John Medeiros**, author of *Self, Divided*

Five Poetry Collections You Shouldn't Miss by Queer & Trans Asian Americans

More Than Organs by **Kay Ulanday Barrett** Barrett's work is tender, bountiful and visionary.

Recombinant by **Ching-In Chen** The sensuousness and musicality of Chen's poems are a kind of noir queer utopia.

Love Cake by **Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha** These poems often evoke a kind of oracular chorus. There's a touchable future living among its images and rhythms.

Radio Heart; Or, How Robots Fall Out of Love by **Margaret Rhee Sax**, assured and reassuring poems that teach us to de-estrane ourselves from embodied and surprising intimacies.

As She Appears by **Shelley Wong** A bold and wondrous web of relationality into which we may enter as witness, lover, even sovereign.

— **Sun Yung Shin**, author of four poetry collections including *The Wet Hex* and *Unbearable Splendor*

Eleven Must-Watch Queer Documentaries

Stonewall Uprising (2010) About the night that started the modern queer rights movement.


The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson (2017) Johnson was a drag queen pivotal to the 1969 Stonewall Riots.

The Times of Harvey Milk (1984) The charismatic Milk was among the first openly gay politicians in the U.S.

5B (2018) Centers on the first hospital ward in the U.S. specifically for HIV/AIDS patients.

How to Survive a Plague (2012) The early days of the HIV epidemic and AIDS activism.

A Secret Love (2020) About the 70+ year secret lesbian relationship of an All-



American Girls Professional Baseball League player.

Circus of Books (2019) A Los Angeles adult bookstore became the biggest distributor of gay porn in the US.

The Book of Queer (2022) & Pride (2021) A pair of multi-part series about queer history.

Disclosure (2020) Analyzes Hollywood's impact on the trans community.

Welcome to Chechnya (2020) The deadly reality of queer life in Chechnya, Russia.

— Chris Fier, co-facilitator of Fabulous Fridays Game & Social Night

Five Kid-Friendly Science Fiction and Fantasy Books with Trans Protagonists

Tiger Honor by Yoon Ha Lee A nonbinary tiger shapeshifter becomes a space cadet.

Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L. D. Lapinski A girl travels the multiverse with a chaotic trans mentor.

The Tea Dragon Festival by K. O'Neill A very cozy graphic novel about a nonbinary kid who befriends a dragon.

Girl Haven by Lilah Sturges A boy is transported to an all-female fantasy world and begins to question his gender.

The Deep and Dark Blue by Niki Smith Two princes go into hiding and disguise themselves as girls, but for one it isn't a disguise.

— Kai Gottschalk, facilitator of the Transgender Book Club

Six Queer Asian Science Fiction and Fantasy Novels That Are Not to Be Missed

The Tensorate Series by Neon Yang A queernorm world where magic and science combine to take down an empire.

Steel Crow Saga by Paul Krueger

Four very different nations struggle to maintain peace; featuring a bisexual prince and a lesbian couple.

Light from Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki A woman makes a deal with the devil to sell the soul of a trans violinist, but her resolve wavers when she starts falling for a former spaceship captain now running a donut shop with her family.

The Empress of Salt and Fortune by Nghi Vo A nonbinary monk learns the secret history of the old Empress.

Phoenix Extravagant by Yoon Ha Lee A nonbinary painter uses magical paints to create war machines for their colonizers.

The Jasmine Throne by Tasha Suri A vengeful princess teams up with (and falls in love with) a priestess to take on the empire.

— Kai Gottschalk, facilitator of the Transgender Book Club

Ten Queer Fantasy and Science Fiction Series Started in the Last Four Years

Gearbreakers (duology, 2021) by Zoe Hana Mikuta

Iron Widow (duology, 2021) by Xiran Jay Zhao

The Radiant Emperor (duology, 2021) by Shelley Parker-Chan


Requiem Dark (duology, 2021) by Claire Winn

The Bloodright Trilogy (2020) by Emily Skrutskie

The Dark Star Trilogy (2019) by Marlon James

The Eldest Curses (trilogy, 2019) by Cassandra Clare & Wesley Chu

The Locked Tomb (tetralogy, 2019) by Tamsyn Muir



Teixcalaan (duology, 2019) by Arkady Martine

The Wells of Sorcery (trilogy, 2019) by Django Wexler

— Jason Buchanan, Quatrefoil volunteer

Six Queer Books Where Form Really Matters

The Year of Blue Water by Yanyi

Szyzygy, Beauty by T. Fleischmann

In the Dream House by Carmen Maria Machado

Redacted by Derick Schultz

Bluets by Maggie Nelson

A Brief History of My Body by Billy-Ray Belcourt

— Evan Allgood, Quatrefoil board member

Six Quatrefoil Board Members Recommend a Favorite Book

The Morning of the Poem by James Schuyler (Recommended by Claude Peck) In his longest poem, Schuyler mashes together a multitude of tones to create a deeply stirring yet wonderfully readable ode to an artist's duty to "see things as they are." By turns conversational, elegiac, funny/bitchy, reflective and deeply probing, the long poem traverses food, weather, flowers, sex, regret, architecture, friendship, love, music and painting, landing frequently on bliss, "such a simple thing."

Stuck Rubber Baby by Howard Cruse (Recommended by Paul Kaefer) A fantastic graphic novel that tells a story at the juxtaposition of the gay liberation and civil rights movements. Heavy at times, but not without funny moments, I recommend this to anyone who enjoys comics or graphic novels and wants to learn more about queer history in the U.S.

Woman Plus Woman: Attitudes Toward Lesbianism by Dolores Klaich (Recommended by Christine Jenkins) I held on to this social history of lesbian women for dear life as a newly out lesbian in the 1970s. At that time many newly out lesbians gravitated toward fiction, but for me, nonfiction was revelatory. The fact that the book was about real women meant that I was real.

The Color Purple by Alice Walker (Recommended by John Brentnall) The Color Purple is the book that's meant the most to me since first reading it in college. Belonging, the power of love, the definition of family, spirituality, and many other grand themes are explored. Beyond helping me come to terms with being gay, it helped me become more empathetic, to listen to others' narratives.

Two or Three Things I Know for Sure by Dorothy Allison (Recommended by Mai Jakubowski) A devastatingly gripping semi-autobiographical masterpiece, Allison demonstrates code-switching in her life in a way that is more than simply tangible. You smell motor oil and see it leaking from trucks' exhaust pipes. You can picture yourself in the diner her mother worked at. And you can feel how heavily Allison's lineage weighs on her relationships.

Wound from the Mouth of a Wound by Torrin A. Greathouse (Recommended by Evan Allgood) Greathouse's poetry pulls no punches. Her poems wrap the intensity and pain of life as a survivor and as a disabled trans woman in myth and beauty in a way that feels strikingly honest and powerful. I truly can't help but recommend this book to everyone I meet. **Q**

MCAD comic artist wins

Scholarship

Gen Deyo, a sophomore majoring in comic arts at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, won the 2022 Quatrefoil Scholarship. This program annually awards \$1,000 to help young LGBTQ+ Minnesotans with tuition.

Deyo, 19, grew up in Champlin, MN, and attended Champlin High School, where they were president of the art club and co-president of the school's gender and sexuality acceptance group.

While still in high school, Deyo attracted a large following on TikTok for their fan art inspired by animated TV series such as *She-Ra: Princess of Power*.

"That gave me confidence to pursue art as a career," Deyo said.


Deyo began their coming-out process at age 11, identifying now as a non-binary lesbian.

Alongside their class work at MCAD, Deyo is working with collaborators on a longer gothic graphic novel. Inspirations for the novel include Alison Bechdel (*Fun Home, Are You My Mother?*) and Mariko Tamaki and Rosemary Valero-O'Connell (*Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me*).



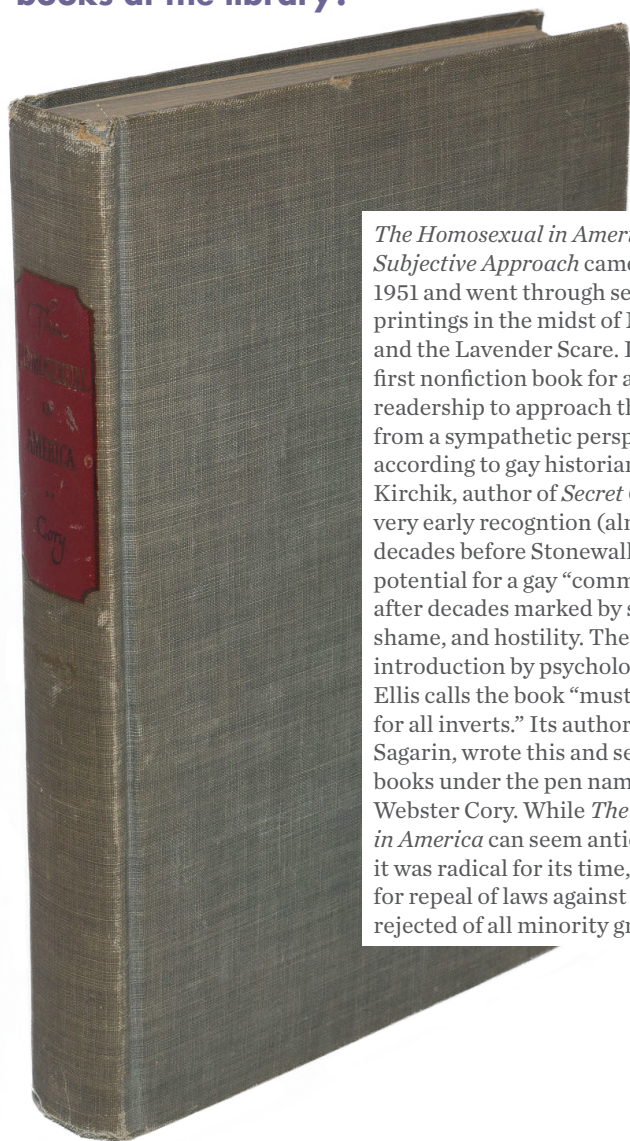
Deyo believes that Quatrefoil plays a crucial role by "making sure that our stories as queer people are accessible and not buried under heteronormative work."

Deyo is determined to be part of that process, saying, "I hope to create more work that empowers everyone to be seen, to be known, and to be loved for who they are."

Deyo is the fourth winner of a Quatrefoil Scholarship. Their award is made possible entirely by library friends and donors. To make a gift to Quatrefoil, visit qlibrary.org and click Donate Now. 

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What is one of the oldest nonfiction books at the library?



The Homosexual in America: A Subjective Approach came out in 1951 and went through several printings in the midst of McCarthyism and the Lavender Scare. It is “the first nonfiction book for a general readership to approach the subject from a sympathetic perspective,” according to gay historian James Kirchik, author of *Secret City*. It’s a very early recognition (almost two decades before Stonewall) of the potential for a gay “community” after decades marked by secrecy, shame, and hostility. The book’s own introduction by psychologist Albert Ellis calls the book “must reading for all inverts.” Its author, Edward Sagarin, wrote this and several other books under the pen name of Donald Webster Cory. While *The Homosexual in America* can seem antiquated today, it was radical for its time, calling for repeal of laws against “the most rejected of all minority groups.”

Flex your leadership skills!

Quatrefoil welcomes applicants for its board of directors. The board manages all aspects of the library, from operations and volunteers to programming and development. Members serve three-year terms, attend monthly meetings, and help with committee work. Quatrefoil seeks diverse candidates and will work to identify, recruit, and retain candidates who are reflective of the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the Twin Cities. Applications and more information is at qlibrary.org/about-us/board.

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- 4) Give us your used books and DVDs: Drop off LGBTQ+ books and DVDs during library hours, or contact us. New materials are added to the collection, and we sell duplicates to support operations.



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