

LGBT History Month in Bristol

February 2012



LGBT Book Promotion

Throughout the month of February, LGBT Book Promotion at Bristol Central Library and two Branch Libraries

For LGBT history month Bristol Central Library, Bedminster Library and Horfield Library will be featuring books by or about the LGBT community. There is a LGBT book club that meets monthly at Bedminster Library, contact Bedminster Library on 0117 903 8529 for details.

Free event

Out Stories Display

From Monday 6th February - Friday 24th February at Bristol Central Library, BS1 5TL, and prior to Sing Out Bristol at Victoria Rooms on Saturday 4th February

Out Stories Bristol (OSB) is a community group that collects and records the stories of LGBT people in Bristol. Their display documents the lives of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Trans people in Bristol and surrounds.

Free event

INVOLVE Display

Saturday 4th February, Victoria Rooms, BS8 1SA prior to Sing Out Bristol and 24th February to 2nd March Bristol Central Library, College Green, BS1 5TL

INVOLVE supports active public involvement in health and social care research and is keen to ensure good representation of marginalised groups. Patsy Staddon is a lesbian who is a member of INVOLVE. She will be available at Sing Out Bristol to talk about how LGBT people can make a difference by getting involved in research projects. Information at <http://www.invo.org.uk>

Free event

Changing images of trans people in speculative literature

Thursday, 2nd February 2012

7pm - 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ.

Talk by Cheryl Morgan, who is, to her knowledge

the only out trans person ever to have won science fiction's highest honour, the Hugo Award. She blogs regularly at www.cheryl-morgan.com

Free event, donations to OSB welcome.

One in Ten: Sing Out Bristol

Saturday, 4th February 2012

7.30pm Victoria Rooms, Queens Road, BS8 1SA

Bristol's own LGBT Choir, now four years old, looking at elements of LGBT history in the second half of the 20th century through an exciting and insightful performance.

Ticketed event - £10.00, concessions - £5.00

Purchase at: www.singoutbristol.com

A Celebration of Lesbian and Gay Literature for LGBT History Month

Tuesday, 7th February 2012

7pm to 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ

From love poems to sci-fi and satire - come and join us in an evening of readings from literature with LGBT themes. Bring your favourite poem or excerpt and share it with the audience.

Free event, donations to OSB welcome.

Transgender Before Transgender: Cross-Dressers and the Establishment in Victorian England

Thursday, 9th February 2012

7pm - 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ.

A talk by Juliet Jacques, who is a journalist and author, best known for writing "A Transgender Journey" for The Guardian. She has also written for the New Statesman and TimeOut, and was longlisted for the Orwell Prize in 2011.

Free event, donations to OSB welcome.



Celebrating Trans Lives: Trans People's Contributions to Modern Medicine and Culture.

Thursday, 16th February 2012

7pm - 9pm, Hydra Books, 34 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0EZ.

Dr Louis Bailey is the Co-Founder of TREC - the Trans Resource and Empowerment Centre (www.transcentre.org.uk) based in Manchester. Dr Bailey's research concerns the medical history of gender variance, and issues of trans life course and ageing.

Free event, donations to OSB welcome.

Cycle tour of locations linked to critic and historian John Addington Symonds

Sunday, 19th February 2012

11am - 1pm, Start and finish in Queen Square, Bristol, BS1 4LH

Born in Clifton in 1840, Symonds was an early advocate for the legitimacy of same-sex love. This is a free CycleOut Bristol event led by Gemma Tiley. Novice cyclists welcome. Meet at King William Statue.

Mystery History Tour led by Andy Foyle

Sunday, 19th February 2012

2.30pm. Meet outside the Register Office (Old Council House), Corn Street; nearly opposite the Exchange and the Nails.

Bristol historian and author Andrew Foyle leads an easy stroll through the city, lifting the curtain on our own peculiar and sometimes outrageous histories. Limited places, pre-booking essential: andrewfoyle1@gmail.com or 0117 907 0784.

£3, to go to OutStories Bristol funds.

Gay West: Civil Society, Community and LGBT History in Bristol and Bath 1970 to 2010

Tuesday, 21st February 2012

7:30pm, Central Library, College Green, BS1 5TL

Robert Howes talks about the background to his recently published book on the history of Gay West, the wider context of the local and national LGBT movement, as well as the development of the area's commercial scene. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing on the night. Please visit or phone your local Bristol library to book a place.

Free event.

Beacons, Icons and Dykons

Friday, 24th February 2012

7.30pm for 8.00pm, The Cube Cinema, 4 Princess Row, BS2 8NQ.

This is a regular LGBT night, hosted by Tom Marshman. Showing "The Killing of Sister George" especially for LGBT History Month, recreating a 60s lesbian speakeasy vibe.

Tickets on the door, £5

Oral History Workshop

Saturday, 25th February 2012

2pm - 4pm, M-Shed, Princes Wharf, Wapping Road, Bristol BS1 4RN

OutStories Bristol is looking for volunteers to gather the stories of LGBT people living in or associated with Bristol and the surrounding area. If you're interested, please come to our workshop arranged in conjunction with M-Shed. Book your place online at www.lgbthistorymothbristol.eventbrite.co.uk or phone/text 07802 422091

Free event.

Gay and Lesbian Marriage in Georgian England

Sunday, 26th February 2012

2.30pm, M-Shed, Princes Wharf, BS1 4RN

Talk by Rictor Norton, hosted by Bristol's major new museum, M Shed. Rictor is an internationally respected social and literary historian specialising in LGBT history. Book on-line at:

www.rictornorton.eventbrite.co.uk, or phone/text 07802 422091

£3.50 (£ 2.50 concessions).

Celebrating thirty-seven years of Bristol Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

Sunday, 26th February 2012

7pm - 10:30pm, Old Market Tavern, 30 Old Market Street, Bristol BS2 0HB

Party for volunteers, friends and supporters of the Bristol Lesbian and Gay switchboard over the last thirty seven years. All welcome.

Free event, but donation to BLAGS welcome.

This programme was compiled by OutStories Bristol in conjunction with Bristol City Council, Bristol Lesbian and Gay Switchboard, CycleOut Bristol, M-Shed, Gay West and Hydra Books. OutStories Bristol is a voluntary, community, history group gathering the stories of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people living in or associated with Bristol and its surrounds.

Further details of all events are available at:

www.bristol.gov.uk/lgbthistorymonth, www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk, www.outstoriesbristol.org.uk