

FLATHEAD VALLEY ALLIANCE



MAY

2009



The 2009 Montana Pride Celebration in Kalispell is quickly coming together. The celebration will be June 19-21. Check out www.montanapride.org for complete information.



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May 19—National Asian & Pacific
Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

May 18—HIV Vaccine Awareness
Day

Soon we will celebrate Montana Pride which is coming to Kalispell for the next two years starting June 19th thru June 21st of 2009.

This gives all of us who are LGBT in the Flathead and our straight supporters the opportunity to educate those around us just what it means to be LGBT and the contributions to mankind by the LGBT community world wide.

The following two articles below taken from the free encyclopedia Wikipedia.

This year makes the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots which in the years since helped to further the cause of equal rights for those in the LGBT community.

LGBT pride or **gay pride** is the concept that [lesbian](#), [gay](#), [bisexual](#), and [transgender \(LGBT\)](#) people should be proud of their [sexual orientation](#) and [gender identity](#). The movement has three main premises: that people should be proud of their [sexual orientation](#) and [gender identity](#), that diversity is a gift, and that sexual orientation and gender identity are inherent and cannot be intentionally altered.^[1] The use of the abbreviated *gay pride* and *pride* have since become mainstream and shorthand expressions inclusive of all individuals in various [LGBT communities](#).

The word *pride* is used in this case an antonym for [shame](#), which has been used to control and oppress LGBT persons throughout history. *Pride* in this sense is an affirmation of ones self and the community as a whole. The modern "pride" movement began after the "[Stonewall riots](#)" of the late 1960s. Instead of backing down to unconstitutional raids by [New York Police](#), gay men in local bars fought back. While it was a violent situation it also gave the [underground](#) community the first sense of communal pride in a very well publicized incident. From the yearly parade that commemorated the anniversary of the Stonewall riots began a national grassroots movement. Today many countries around the world celebrate LGBT pride. The pride movement has furthered the cause of [gay rights](#) by lobbying politicians, registering voters and increasing visibility to educate on issues important to LGBT communities. LGBT pride advocates work for equal "[rights](#) and [benefits](#)" for LGBT people.^{[2][3][4]}

[Symbols](#) of LGBT pride include the [LGBT rainbow flag](#), butterfly, the Greek [lambda](#) symbol, and the [pink](#) as well as [black triangles](#) reclaimed from their [past use](#).^[5]

Stained Glass

The front of the [D.B. Weldon Library](#)'s **Pride Library** at the [University of Western Ontario](#) is decorated with a beautiful stained-glass window. The window, designed and constructed by [London, Ontario](#) artist [Lynette Richards](#), consists of the **Pride Library** logo amid a list of some of history's most influential homo-, bi-, and trans-sexual authors. The **Pride Library** logo contains a series of shelved books, colored with the spectrum of the rainbow, supported by the logo of the now disbanded [HALO \(Homophile Association of London Ontario\)](#), which has made significant contributions to the Pride Library.

The **Pride Library** stained-glass window celebrates and commemorates 135 influential gay and lesbian authors. Listed in chronological order, the names include:

[Sin-Leqi-Unninni](#) * [Sappho](#) * [Alcaeus](#) * [Sophocles](#) * [Agathon](#) * [Plato](#)

[Virgil](#) * [Horace](#) * [Ruan Ji](#) * [Xi Kang](#) * [Abu Nuwas](#) * [Al Ramadi](#) * [Ibn Quzman](#)

[Rumi](#) * [Brunetto Latini](#) * [Dante Alighieri](#) * [Michelangelo Buonarroti](#)

[Christopher Marlowe](#) * [William Shakespeare](#)

[Richard Barnfield](#) * [Ihara Saikaku](#) * [Marquis de Sade](#) * [Thomas Gray](#)

[Horace Walpole](#) * [Johann Wolfgang von Goethe](#) * [Lord Byron](#)

[Nikolai Gogol](#) * [Walt Whitman](#) * [Herman Melville](#) * [Michael Field](#)

[Oscar Wilde](#) * [Henry James](#) * [Sophie Parnok](#) * [Mikhail Kuzmin](#) * [Marina Tsvetaeva](#)

[Constantine P. Cavafy](#) * [Marcel Proust](#) * [Willa Cather](#)

[Gertrude Stein](#) * [Colette](#) * [E. M. Forster](#) * [Thomas Mann](#) * [Federico Garcia Lorca](#)

[Fernando Pessoa](#) * [Radclyffe Hall](#) * [Virginia Woolf](#)

[Vita Sackville-West](#) * [Lytton Strachey](#) * [Ronald Firbank](#) * [Djuna Barnes](#)

[André Gide](#) * [Jean Cocteau](#) * [Jean Genet](#) * [Violette Leduc](#) * [Magnus Hirschfeld](#)

[Christa Winsloe](#) * [Anna Elisabet Weirauch](#) * [Christopher Isherwood](#)

[W. H. Auden](#) * [Allen Ginsberg](#) * [Jack Kerouac](#) * [William S. Burroughs](#)

[Marguerite Yourcenar](#) * [Anaïs Nin](#) * [Yukio Mishima](#)

[James Baldwin](#) * [Lanford Wilson](#) * [Michel Foucault](#) * [Monique Wittig](#)

[Helene Cixous](#) * [Susan Sontag](#) * [Gore Vidal](#) * [Tennessee Williams](#)

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Cinco de</i>
3	4	5 <i>FVA</i>	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>Pride</i>	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Dance</i>
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MAY 2009

May 2—Pride Cinco do Mayo, High Noon @ Woodland Park—Pavilion near duck pond
 May 5—FVA Monthly Mtg—Kalispell Library 7 to 9 pm
 May 15—Pride Dance 8 pm @ Red Lion Fireside Rm
 May 15—Bon Fire—Location to be announced
 May 30—FVA Dance 8pm @ Red Lion Fireside Rm

JUNE 2009

June 2—FVA Monthly Mtg—Kalispell Library 7—9 pm
 June 19—21 Montana Pride in Kalispell
 See www.kalispellpride.org or
www.montanapride.org
 June 27—FVA Monthly Dance 8 pm @ Red Lion Fireside Rm

June 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>FVA Mtg</i>	3	4	5	6
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