



Why Defund Drag Queen Story Hour

Hennepin County Libraries scheduled 15 Drag Queen Story Times for very young children in 2019, in spite of vocal public opposition. The stories celebrate and normalize LGBTQ and gender fluidity and the readers frequently behave sexually suggestively. Adult erotic performers should not be allowed to influence and have close contact with innocent, impressionable children using public funds and buildings. More story times are expected in 2020.

Drag Queen performances are sexually charged adult entertainment. Our public money should never subsidize programming that promotes them as role models for very young children.

- Drag Queen Story Hours are not organic, spontaneous events, but well-coordinated, well-funded and international. Its origin in California is through the **corporate and federally funded** [American Library Association \(ALA\)](#). The ALA's reputation as social change agents has been well-documented over the years.

Example: [21,460 Attend Library Conference Featuring Workshops on Drag Queens and queering Elementary Schools](#)

- What is drag? Is it to promote inclusion, awareness and understanding, as they claim? The truth, in the words of the Drag Queen, Kitty Demure, who is against exposing kids to drag queens, "Would you want a stripper or a porn star to influence your child? A drag queen performs in a nightclub for adults. A lot of sexual stuff goes on backstage – a lot of nudity, sex and drugs."
[Drag Queen Response to Drag Queen Story Book Hour](#) (3 minute video)
- Is this program appropriate for children? Proponents claim it is designed for children ages 2 to 4. This is *not* appropriate for children. It is a grooming program to expose children to highly sexualized individuals. Proponents claim that exposing children to gender fluidity teaches tolerance. The truth is that Drag Queen Story Hours have an ideological agenda pushed on small children. Children should be taught sharing, kindness, not hitting or stealing toys from one another, not how to choose a gender.
[Drag Queen Admits He's 'Grooming' Children at Story Hour Events](#)
- Performers are not simply community members who perform drag in a variety of settings. They are strippers who perform in adult nightclubs, some of them under 21 years old.
- Libraries **do not do background checks** on the Drag Queen readers. There have been cases of convicted sex offenders posing as drag queens reading to young children.
[Sex Offender Busted as Drag Queen Who Red Books to Children in City Library](#)
and [Second 'Drag Queen Story Hour' Library Reader Exposed as Convicted Child Sex Offender](#)



Sasha Sota, St. Louis Park, Minnesota 2019



Gemini Valentine, Minnesota 2019

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Stories Together With Drag Performers

Celebrate self-expression, dress-up, and gender fluidity through stories, rhymes, music and movement with drag performers from our community. These events will be a safe, positive, and encouraging space for children and caregivers to express themselves in an open environment.

Augsburg Park Library Stories Together With Miss Richfield 1981 Saturday, Sept. 28, 10-11 a.m. 7100 Nicollet Ave., Richfield	Excelsior Library Saturday, Oct. 12 10:30-11 a.m. 337 Water St.	Webber Park Library Saturday, Oct. 19 10:10-30 a.m. 4440 Humboldt Ave. N., Minneapolis
Pierre Bottineau Library Friday, Oct. 4 10:30-11:30 a.m. 55 Broadway St. N.E., Minneapolis	Roosevelt Library Saturday, Oct. 12 10:30-11:30 a.m. 4026 28th Ave. S., Minneapolis	Wayzata Library Thursday, Oct. 24 10:30-11 a.m. 620 Rice St.
Hopkins Library Saturday, Oct. 5 11 a.m.- noon 22 11th Ave. N.	North Regional Library Sunday, Oct. 13 2-2:30 p.m. 1315 Lowry Ave. N., Minneapolis	Northeast Library Friday, Oct. 25 10-10:30 a.m. 2200 Central Ave. N.E., Minneapolis
East Lake Library Friday, Oct. 11 10:15-10:45 a.m. 2727 E. Lake St., Minneapolis	Ridgedale Library Thursday, Oct. 17 10-10:45 a.m. 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka	Minneapolis Central Library Saturday, Oct. 26 2-3 p.m. 300 Nicollet Mall
Brooklyn Park Library Saturday, Oct. 12 10:30-11:30 a.m. 8500 W. Broadway Ave.	Walker Library Friday, Oct. 18 11 a.m.-noon 2880 Hennepin Ave. Minneapolis	Hosmer Library Saturday, Nov. 2 10:30-11:30 a.m. 347 E. 36th St., Minneapolis

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