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# *PRIDE 2023*

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**FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 6-10PM**  
**SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 12-4PM**



**The Fun Will Include:**

**The Rubi Girls**  
**Dayton's PRIDE Parade**  
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# Calendar of Events

Jun. 01, 2023	6:00 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Center
Jun. 01, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 02, 2023	6:00 PM	Affair On The Square	Court House Square
Jun. 03, 2023	11:00 AM	Parade Line Up	Cooper Park
Jun. 03, 2023	12 to 4 PM	PRIDE Family Festival	Court House Square
Jun. 03, 2023	5 to 10 PM	PRIDE Adult Festival	Oregon District
Jun. 04, 2023	8:00 AM	PFLAG "Running with PRIDE"	Metro Park
Jun. 05, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jun. 05, 2023	7:00 PM	SOAR-Survivors Overcoming Assault and Rape	Center
Jun. 06, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 06, 2023	7:00 PM	PFLAG Meeting	Library
Jun. 08, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 12, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jun. 13, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 14, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jun. 15, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 17, 2023	8:00 PM	Gay Men's Chorus	Dayton Masonic Center
Jun. 18, 2023		Father's Day	
Jun. 19, 2023		Juneteenth	
Jun. 19, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jun. 20, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 20, 2023	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center
Jun. 22, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jun. 25, 2023	6:00 PM	Post PRIDE Review Meeting	Center
Jun. 26, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jun. 27, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jun. 28, 2023		Stonewall Riot Anniversary - 1969	
Jun. 28, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jun. 29, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center

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# Book Reviews

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## "Harley Quinn: Ravenous" by Rachael Allen

c.2023

Random House

\$19.99

349 pages



Forget about it.

Put it out of your mind, don't worry about it. It's likely *nothing*, so let it rest. Let it go and don't be afraid because, as in the new book

**"Harley Quinn: Ravenous" by Rachael Allen**, fear is how they make you scream.

Being a First Year intern at Gotham

University was going to be The. Best.

Having completed the University's gap-year program last year, Harleen Quinzel

was practically *bouncing*. She'd decided on

research, possibly psychology, as a career and First Year program included mentorship and a chance to study some of Gotham's worst, most notorious criminal minds. The Joker, Two-Face, King Shark, Mr. Freeze, she could be assigned to any one of them at Arkham Asylum.

First Year was also going to be a bit of a relief.

Sure, she'd still have to put up with classmates like the jerk who kept asking if she was "straight now" (nope, still bi, today, tomorrow, last week) and she'd have to try to fit in, which was hard to do after what happened at the end of last year. Then, some of Harleen's friends were attacked with a fear spray that made them scream and scream, and her best friend died from it. There was gossip but Harleen had her research to enjoy, she loved her mentor, and she was fascinated by Talia al Ghul, who'd tried to assassinate Gotham's mayor. Talia

was a great study-subject – even though Harleen wasn't technically supposed to ever speak to her.

Until Talia said that she knew who made the fear spray. She needed information *for* information, tit for tat, and she hinted that she knew the truth about Straw Man, who was rumored to haunt Arkham and who had a hand in the fear spray, so...

So then Harleen woke up in the hospital, the victim of a bad accident and amnesia. *But was it* an accident? Were this guy, Win, and the adorable Ivy trustworthy? And the escape of Gotham City's worst, most violent criminals... was Harleen at fault?

Let's say a movie theatre mashed its film to a pulp and made a novel from the leftover cells. Or they used the mush to paint a Ben-Dot artwork panel, but in words. That's kinda how you could think of this book. As a part of the "DC Icons" franchise, "Harley Quinn: Ravenous" almost screams *graphic novel* or *comic book*.

So what's the problem?

Nothing, as long as you know that before you pick it up because that's the sort of feel you'll get in what only *looks like* a regular novel. Nothing, if you relish a story that starts with action and peppers it with chaos before dropping readers into a land of dark monsters and crime. Nothing *at all*, if you've read author Rachael Allen's novel-before-this-one – otherwise, you'll be awash in humor, feminism, superheroes, and scrambling to find your footing. Be warned.

Overall, love a funny, crazy-paced dark-Gotham novel with a feminist warrior, you'll devour "Harley Quinn: Ravenous." As for a bookmark...? Nah, forget about it.



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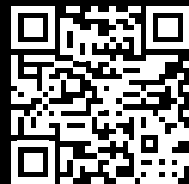


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## Ohio Pride Celebrations



June 02 & 03	Indian Lake Pride	Imil Davis Park
June 03	Dayton Pride	Court House Square
June 03	Pride in Cle 10am - 6 pm	
June 03	Deleware Ohio Pride Fest 10am	Boardman Arts Park
June 03	Hamilton Oho Pride	Marcum Park
June 03	Coshocton 2023 Pride Fest	Court House Square
June 04	Black Mass: Pride Weekend Wind Down @ No Class	
June 04	Heartsig PRIDE Drag Brunch	Yellow Cab - Dayton
June 04	Drag Brunch with CWRU Pride	Cleveland
June 04	PFLAG's Running with PRIDE	Eastwood Metro Pk
June 04	PRIDE Brunch Lakewood	Muze Gastropub
June 10	Bluecoats at Stark Pride Fest	Ohio Bluecoats
June 10	BBH PRIDE Fest '23	Broadview Heights
June 10	Hilliard Pride	Hilliard Stanton Park
June 11	Oakwood Family Picnic	Oakwood, OH
June 16	Columbus Pride Festival and Parade	Columbus
June 17	New Richmond Pride Festival '23	Bandstand on the River
June 23	Middletown Pride Festival	Downtown
June 23	Cincinnati Pride Party	Court St Plaza
June 24	Cincinnati Pride Festival	Sawyer Park
June 24	Yellow Springs Pride 2023	John Bryant Center
June 24	Zanesville PRIDE	Zane Landing Park
June 24	2023 DEFI Pride Parade- Definace	St John United CC
June 24	Lorain County Pride	Tappan Square
July 08	Dayton Black Pride	McIntosh Park
Aug. 20	2023 Toledo Pride Main Event	Promenade Park



If a person is homosexual by nature - that is, if one's sexuality is as intrinsic a part of one's identity as gender or skin color - then society can no more deny a gay person access to the secular rights and religious sacraments because of his homosexuality than it can reinstate Jim Crow.

Jon Meacham



## What PRIDE means to me.

*by True Hoffman*

Pride is what brings all of us together. It transcends the times and lives between the struggles and challenges. It pushes us forward. In times of doubt, pain, and sorrow. Pride is the person in the closet. Who struggles to come out - but still paints rainbows in the spring. Pride is the echo of those we've lost - that have paved the way for future generations. Pride is everyone who sees that loving should not come with a judgment. It should come with Acceptance, Gentleness, and Peace. Pride is not banning books. Pride is not eliminating "Gay" from a classroom's vocabulary. Pride is our lantern - ignited with the spirit of change. Pride is the path that we forge. To being ourselves even in the company of hate. Pride delivers a gift to our hearts. And shifts our souls. Pride is the key to silencing discrimination and damage. Pride is the hug from your parents when they finally accept you. Or the love you give yourself when they don't. Love and be loved. And share your pride with the world.

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## Dayton PRIDE ~ “United We Can”

Pride season is here and it has never been more important to celebrate PRIDE, to celebrate your authentic self. Today we have mis-guided lawmakers who have placed on the books anti-trans laws in 18 states, 14 with pending legislations, 13 states where they are advancing, and only 6 with no such bills. These types for bills are designed to attempt to legislate trans individuals out of existence. As we all know, that does not happen! We only get louder, stronger, and more visible at the voting polls. It is time to make a stand for all our LGBTQIA+ brothers and sisters.

With all the publicity that has been given to these laws and protesters of the LGBTQ+ community in other cities, we do anticipate the possibility of additional such people to be present at Dayton PRIDE. Jim Garvey was selected to chair our PRIDE Angels this year. The Angels have been present for the last few years at PRIDE. They are the folks who will stand three feet in front of protesters with three foot tall angel wings on their shoulders to block the view so people do not have to see such protesters. This year it is the goal to have enough angels to totally surround them so they cannot be seen at all. We may hear them, but we won't have to see them, and music should easily drown them out. These folks should be ignored and not engaged in anyway. This is always the challenge of the angels; they must remain quiet and not engage the protesters no matter what they may say. If this is something you think you could do, please volunteer to help the angels and keep Dayton Pride the friendly family event it has always tried to be. To volunteer to be and angel or join any committee, please email [info@daytonLGBTcenter.org](mailto:info@daytonLGBTcenter.org) or call 937-274-1776.

The theme for Dayton PRIDE 2023 is “United We Can” in which the logo utilizes the intersex inclusive Pride flag to insure all individuals are included as we celebrate together. Dayton Pride has always been about self-affirmation, dignity, and acceptance of your authentic self, no matter who you are, or who you love, all are welcome to celebrate you.

Our Pride celebration will take place on June 2-4 with the Affair on the Square leading off on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Courthouse Square beginning at 6 pm to 10 pm. On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, we begin setting up vendor displays at 9 am with the parade lining up at 10:30 am with the step off promptly at noon. The PRIDE Festival at Courthouse Square begins from Noon to 4 pm June 3<sup>th</sup>.

June 4<sup>th</sup>, we kick off the day with the Annual “Running with PRIDE: Celebration sponsored by PFLAG. Registration beginning at 7:30 am at Eastwood Metro Park with the race beginning at 9 am. [Sign up HERE: https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/OH/Dayton/RunningwithPride5kRunWalk](https://runsignup.com/Race/Info/OH/Dayton/RunningwithPride5kRunWalk)

On June 17<sup>th</sup>, the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will present their Annual PRIDE Concert at the Masonic Center at 8 PM.

So a very exciting PRIDE Season is about to unfold. Happy PRIDE!



8th Annual  
**Running With  
PRIDE**



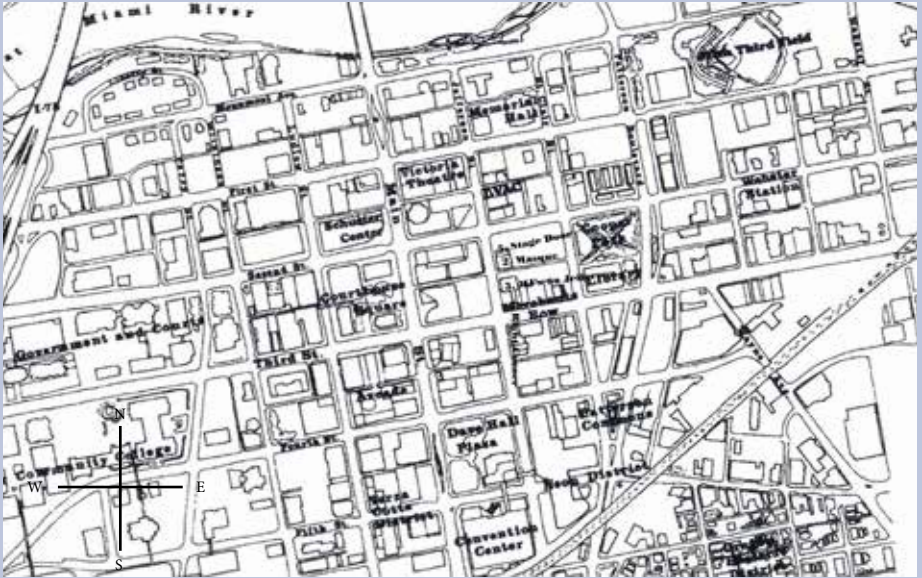
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**JUNE 4, 2023**

**EASTWOOD METROPARK**  
**9am**

# Gay Dayton Map



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>

# DAYTON PRIDE 2023

**11AM - Pride Parade Lineup**

Join Our Crew and March In the Parade

**Noon - Pride Parade**

Step Off from Cooper Park  
End Up At Courthouse Square

**2PM - 4PM Open Stage**

Hosted by B Sharp  
& Victoria Steele

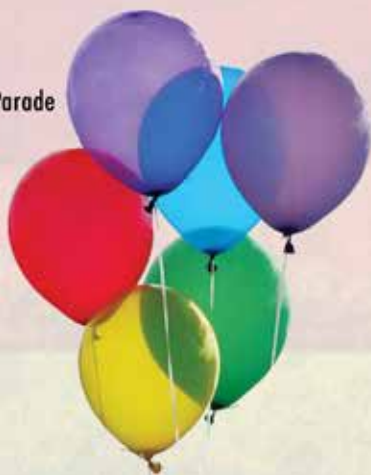
**4PM - 6:30PM Karaoke**

Hosted by B Sharp



**7PM - MJ's Dirty Boys**

On The Small Stage  
With Jaymee Sexton  
Micah Micah, Zeus Zaptin  
& Zaner Chang



**10PM - The Main Event**

Hosted By

**Carrie J Summers**

with Special Guests

**Mocha Lisa**

**Kayla Fame**

**Olivia Diamond**

**Amaya Sexton**

Miss Gay Dayton

**Scarlett Fever**

**Zeus Zaptin**

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