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Happy Holidays!

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YOGA AT THE CENTER

Thursday's at 7 PM

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center

24 N. Jefferson St., STE 200

Dayton, OH 45402

The only thing missing is You!

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Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location
Dec. 01		World AIDS Day	
Dec. 01	07:00 PM	Greater Cincy, Northern KY	
Dec. 01	07:30 PM	Positively Teen	
Dec. 02	06:00 PM	LGBT Monthly Board Meeting	
Dec. 02	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 04	2 & 6 PM	DGMC Winter Concert	Westminster
Dec. 06	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center/Online
Dec. 07	06:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 08		Pansexual Pride Day	
Dec. 08	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Center/Online
Dec. 09	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 10		International Human Rights Day	
Dec. 13	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center/Online
Dec. 14	06:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 14	07:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Zoom
Dec. 15	07:30 PM	Positively Teen	Center
Dec. 16	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Dec. 20	07:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Group	Center
Dec. 21	06:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 21	07:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Center/Zoom
Dec. 22	07:00 PM	Positive Attitudes	Zoom
Dec. 25	01-4 PM	Center Open House	Center
Dec. 26		Kwanzaa (Dec 26 - Jan 1)	
Dec. 28	06:00 PM	Men's Dining Group	Spaghetti Warehouse
Dec. 30	07:00 PM	Yoga at the Center	Center
Jan. 01		Happy New Year	

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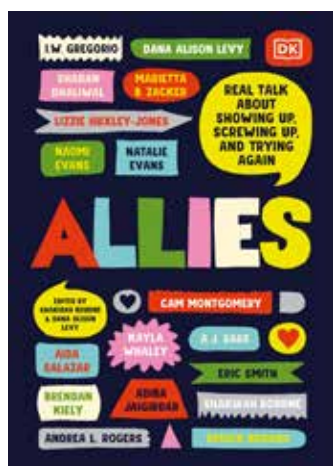
Book Reviews

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"Allies: Real Talk about Showing Up, Screwing Up, and Trying Again"
by various authors and writers, edited by Shakirah Bourne & Dana Alison Levy
c.2021, Dorling Kindersley Ltd. \$16.99 / \$21.99 Canada 240 pages



You'd do anything for your friends. You help them in school when they need it, or with a loan in a pinch. Your home is their home, and vice versa. You might share clothes with your friends, seats, secrets and for sure, support but what about people you don't know that well? In the new book "**Allies**" by various authors, you start upright and on your feet. School has started and some kids – kids of color, queer kids, different kids – are struggling. You want to help but you don't know how to even begin. So now what?

The first thing to know about being an ally is in the first chapter of this book: you will screw up sometimes. It's not fun, it's comfortable, and you can't just dump your guilt back on whoever you're trying to support. Instead, learn from it, and get used to it. But wait. Can't you *help*?

"It's complicated," says Dana Alison Levy, the first author. You can loudly be an ally, but when it's not your time to speak, then hush. Allies remember that pronouns are important things (see above: you'll screw up) and when someone reveals their preferred name, an ally makes sure it's used. Allies know that the letters "LGBTQIA" don't stop at "G." When they see someone with a disability, they don't rush in and act like superheroes. They ask first if they can help, and they never see a disabled person as a "tool" to get extra privileges. Likewise, they don't finish sentences for a stutterer and it should go without saying that allies are *never* bullies. Nope, they reach for understanding, and if they don't understand, they can be schooled.

Being an ally doesn't stop at sexuality or disability, though. You can be an ally for women by standing up to misogyny. You can stand up by seeing color and acknowledging it. You can stand up and admit that there are things you'll never experience.

And sometimes, being an ally is knowing when it's time to walk away... When it comes to being a better friend to those who need one, you always want to do what's right – but sometimes, right is wrong and arrrrgh! It seems like maybe you need something of an ally to *be* an ally, and this book can help.

With straight talk but a light touch, “Allies” helps young readers dispense with the awkwardness of not knowing how to act, through reassuring stories meant to show that merely just showing up is a great start. The chapters aren't long – some are told with artwork – and they're as diverse as the writers themselves. They're not preachy, either: each is told by an appreciative person who's received much-needed support and others whose eyes were opened, giving readers the upbeat, forward-looking, I-can-do-this feeling they might get in the eager moments before a march or a rally. That makes “Allies” a great first step for any progressive-thinking 12-to-18-year-old who needs a good launch-point. Find this book, read it, and share it with your friends.

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COME AND GET TESTED
...before Santa comes
down the chimney





Is There Really A Santa Claus?

Son: “Dad, I think I’s old enough to know now. Is there a Santa Claus?” Not being the world’s faster thinker, I stalled for a time.

Dad: “OK, I agree that you’re old enough. But before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the truth is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can’t unknow it. One you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is: Are you sure you want to know?”

Brief pause. Son: “Yes, I want to know.”

Dad: “OK, I’ll tell you: Yes, there IS a Santa Claus.”

Son: “Really?”

Dad: “Yes, but he’s not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That’s just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Clause is that he’s not a person at all; he’s and idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. Adn did it bother me that you didn’t thank me? Of course not! In fact it game me greater pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without the thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw the woman collapse on the subway last week and called for help, I knew that she’s never know that it was me who summoned the ambulance, I was being Santa Clause when I did that.”

Son: “Oh.”

Dad: “So now that you know, you’re part of it. You have to be Santa Clause too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us selct Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?”

Son: “I got it, Merry Christmas!”

14th Annual

BOWLING

For Pride

Saturday February 26th

Poelking Lanes

1403 Wilmington Ave, Dayton, OH 45420

Check in at 1 pm, Bowling Starts at 2 pm

Cost: \$20.00 each bowler (includes shoes)

Game 1 ... 8 to Eat

Game 2 ... Bingo Bowl

Game 3 ... Garbage Bowl

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The Annual Woman's Valentine's Dance

February 12, 2021

Doors open at 7 pm

Cost: \$10 For LGBT Members

\$15 For Non Members advance tickets
non-members +\$5 at the door

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OPEN open 1 pm - 4 pm
House Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

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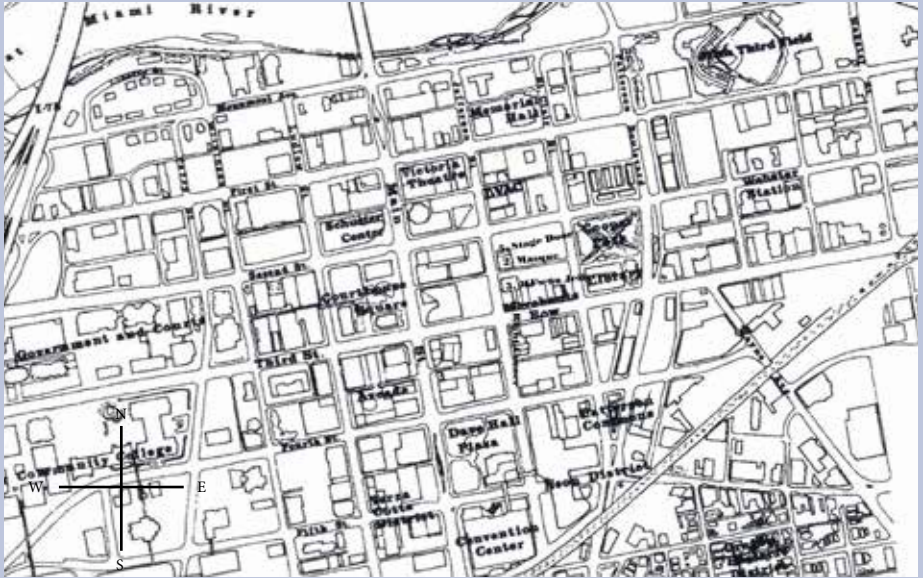
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18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

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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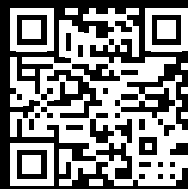
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MASKS SUGGESTED

Open Daily @ 3 pm ~ 2:30 am



Beer Menu



Bourbon Menu