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**Dayton**  
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**PRIDE**  
**2021**

**Together As One**



Alcoholics  
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Group

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Hybrid Meetings: In-person & Online

Beginning May 3rd

**Mondays 7 PM**

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CENTER

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# Calendar of Events

May 2		International Family Equality Day	
May 3	7 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Online
May 5		Cinco De Mayo	
May 5	6 pm	Center Montly Board Meeting	Center/Online
May 7	7 pm	LGBT Yoga At The Center	Center
May 9		Mother's Day	
May 10	7 pm	LGBT AA Meeting	Center/Online
May 11	7 pm	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Online
May 12	7 pm	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
May 13	7 pm	LGBT Yoga At The Center	Center
May 16	5:30pm	PRIDE Planning Meeting	Center/Online
May 17		International Day Against Homophobia	
May 17	7 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Online
May 18	7 pm	Gatlyn Dame Group	Online
May 20	7 pm	LGBT Yoga At The Center	Center
May 22		Harvey Milk Day	
May 23	7 pm	TDOR Planning Meeting	Online
May 24		Pansexual & Panromantic Awareness Day	
May 24	7 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Online
May 26	7 pm	Pozitive Attitudes	Online
May 27	7 pm	LGBT Yoga At The Center	Center
May 31		Memorial Day	
May 31	7 pm	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center/Online
June 3	6 pm	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Center/Online
June 3	7 pm	LGBTQ Yoga At The Center	Center
June 4	6 pm	PRIDE Affair On The Square	Courthouse Sq
June 5	10 am	Reverse Pride Parade	
June 5	Noon	Dayton Pridefest	Courthouse Sq

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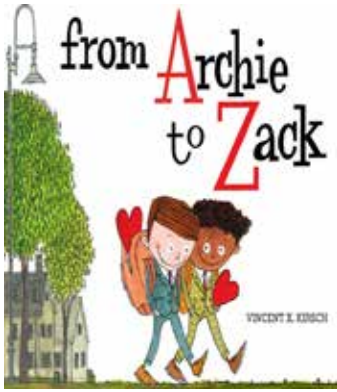
# Book Reviews

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"From Archie to Zack" by Vincent X. Kirsch c.2020,  
Abrams Books for Young Readers \$17.99 / \$22.99 Canada 40 pages



The girl who sits right behind you at school is really nice. She shares her things if you ask nicely, and she likes to make you laugh. She seems very smart and polite and she never says mean things to anyone, even if they deserve it. All the kids in your class like her; *you* like her but in the new book "**From Archie to Zack**" by **Vincent X. Kirsch**, there might be someone you like just a little more.

There was no doubt in anyone's mind. Everybody knew it: Archie loved Zack and Zack loved Archie. The two boys were happiest when they did everything together, but the funny thing was, neither of them could say "I love you."

Oh, but you can bet they both really *wanted* to say it. Very much so. And then one day, Archie wrote Zack a note that said "From A. to Z. it's true. I love you."

Archie read the note to himself and it really made him smile. But that note wasn't quite right, so he hid it in a tree and Zack was still his best friend.

He wrote another note, kind of the same. He read it to himself but it just wasn't quite right. He hid the second note in his band case and he and Zack were still best friends.

Just before Halloween, Archie wrote another note, with just a little more *oomph* and he read it to himself many times. What he wrote finally seemed right this time. He loved Zack! But for some reason, he couldn't give the note to Zack, so Archie hid it in his desk at school.

Then one day, Zuzella found a note in a desk. Zinnia found one in band class. Zelda found one in a tree trunk and all three girls knew who wrote them. They delivered the notes to Zack and that made him smile because he'd been working on a note that wasn't quite right. One that said the truth that everybody already knew.

Nothing unusual.

That's not normally what you want to hear about a new book; you probably want to hear enthusiastic things like WOW! but that's not what you'll find here. "From Archie to Zack" tells young readers a sweet story in a calm, even, nothing-unusual manner.

The lack of drama is where *unusual* comes to play. Author-illustrator Vincent X. Kirsch lets kids know that Archie and Zack can love one another and it's okay. The children in their class don't make fun of anyone. They barely even comment; in fact, they seem to think it's wonderful, a lesson that pulses like a heart here. Even the action-rich illustrations tell a story here, a story about kids that also serves as a surprisingly grown-up conversation-sparker about love, whether it's between friends, classmates, neighbors, or a child's two favorite uncles.

Perfect for anytime reading, kids ages 4-to-8 will love this book best. For them and for you, "From Archie to Zack" is a book to get behind.

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# Dayton PRIDE

“Together As One”

Dayton will celebrate PRIDE this year “in-person” with three days of celebratory fun. We will kick off the celebration on Friday June 4th, with the Affair On The Square at 6 pm. This will feature the live bands of, *Colin Richards and Spare Change, Neo American Pioneers, Taylor*, and closing out the night, The Rubi Girls. Chairs will be set up in front of the stage so we will all remain socially distanced and masks will be required, but this inconvenience is a small price to pay so we may all be able to celebrate together.

On Saturday June 5th beginning at 10 am is the “Reverse Pride Parade.” While we could line people up for a regular parade in lines and columns to allow social distancing, we cannot control the spectators on the sidewalks. So the safest way is to do our “Reverse Pride Parade” again this year. What do that mean? This means that any would be marchers or parade floats, we place them on the sidewalks as a static display, and ask all spectators to decorate their cars as PRIDEFULLY as they wish and simply drive down Second Street from Patterson Street to Main Street at the posted 5 mph speed limit, obeying all traffic signals, and slower pass each display. Our parade people will come out to your vehicles to personally hand any give-a-way items directly to you all while wearing masks for everyones safety. Once the driver gets to Main St, they may circle around if they wish or perhaps go find their parking spot for the festival at Courthouse Square!

Beginning at Noon to 4 pm is our Annual Dayton PRIDE Festival at Courthouse Square. Again, we will have chairs all in front of the stage so folks will not stand in one huge group to watch the stage but spread out in a socially distanced fashion. Masks will be required all day while on the Square. All food and drink will be relegated to our new Food Court and Beer Garden on Third Street, when you are finished eating and drinking, you may pull your mask up and join us on Courthouse Square for a full day of fun and entertainment until 4 pm.

On Sunday June 6th beginning at 9 am is PFLAG’s Annual Running With Pride 5k Run Walk. Registration for the race is still open until May 22nd.

Race Day Registration will be available - Sunday 6/6/21 @ 7:30am  
(No guarantee of t-shirt, participation medal, or goodie bag if you

register on the day of the event)

To register today use this QR code:



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## Our Transgender Community is Under Attack!

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in America continue to face discrimination in their daily lives. While more states every year work to pass laws to protect LGBTQ people, we continue to see state legislatures advancing bills that target transgender people, limit local protections, and allow the use of religion to discriminate.

Our transgender brothers and sisters are under attack like never before. As the Supreme Court is set to rule on equality for all, right-winged controlled states are setting up legislation all across the United States as a preemptive attack on our Trans Community. While the Trump administration green-lighted anti-trans discrimination through government services, the Biden administration is trying to halt such discrimination yet, state legislator are doing what they can to ignore the Biden administration and press on with these anti-transgender points.

One state, Florida has banned all access to health care coverage for Trans individuals. Two States, Mississippi and South Carolina restrict both health care and Trans Youth from participating in youth sports. Oklahoma restricts both health care and other anti-trans bills. Washington State, Kansas, Alabama, and New Hampshire exclude trans youth from athletics. Arizona, South Dakota, Indiana, Georgia, and West Virginia ban trans youth from athletics and have other anti-trans bills. There are three states that offer other anti-trans bills such as Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. With Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee including all three type of anti-transgender discriminatory legislation of health care, youth sports and other adult anti-transgender discriminations.

These anti-transgender bills are spreading throughout states like a plague hell bent on attacking our Transgender brothers and sisters. In all there are 200 anti-trans bills under consideration in 30 states. We must all stand united and fight these attacks just as we stood for marriage equality, after all, we know if the right wing gets their way on this point, marriage equality will be their next point to try and overturn.

In his first joint address to Congress, President Joe Biden on Wednesday April 29th, sent an unequivocal message to the transgender community: “To all transgender Americans watching at home, especially the young people. You’re so brave. I want you to know your president has your back.”

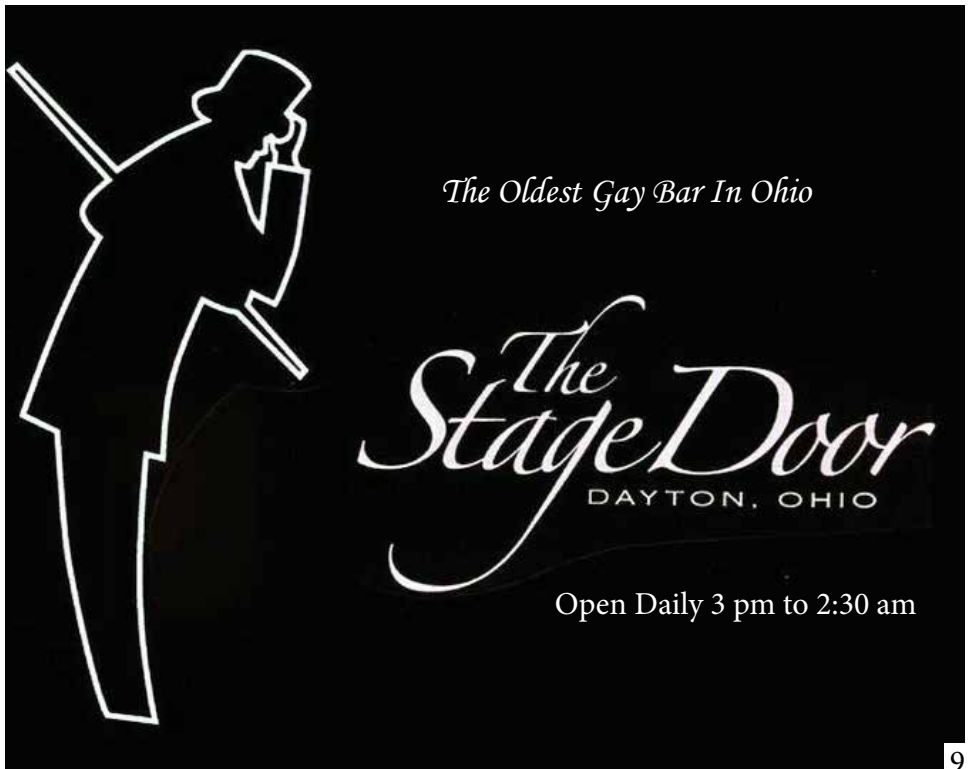
Biden also reiterated his support for the Equality Act, federal legislation that would modify existing civil rights laws to add protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity. The Equality Act passed the House in 2019 but has yet not received a vote in the Senate.





Work hard for what you want because it won't come to you without a fight. You have to be strong and courageous and know that you can do anything you put your mind to. If somebody puts you down or criticizes you, just keep on believing in yourself and turn it into something positive.

Leah LaBelle



**FREE**

**Yoga**  
*Led by Matt Turner*

*Judgment Free  
Atmosphere*

**(Classes limited to 15 people ~ masks & social distancing is required!)**

**Thursday's**  
**7 Pm**  
**(Beginners  
& Intermediates)**



**Begin Your  
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Water  
Bottle**

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**POZITIVE ATTITUDES**

# GayDaytonMap



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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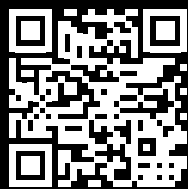
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Bourbon Menu