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# Calendar of Events

- Nov 1 1st, 8th, 15th, & 29th - 7:00 pm, **FREE Yoga Class** - Beginners & Intermediate
- Nov 6 7:00 pm, “Dealing With Anxiety” Support Group at Center
- Nov 7 6:30 pm, Greater Dayton LGBT Center monthly board meeting
- Nov 11 2:00pm, Join us as we honor LGBT Veterans - Service at the LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson St, Dayton 45402
- Nov 13 7 pm, PFLAG monthly meeting at Harmony Creek Church
- Nov 14 7:00 pm, Support group for victims of Sexual Violence at the Center
- Nov 17 5 pm, The Annual Thanksgiving LGBT Community Dinner - The Greater Dayton LGBT Center 24 N. Jefferson Street STE 200
- Nov 20 Transgender Day of Remembrance, doors open at 6:30 pm, Service at 7 pm at Dayton Metro Library (downtown)
- Nov 21 7:00 pm, Support group for victims of Sexual Violence at the Center
- Nov 22 **Happy Thanks Giving!** The LGBT Center will be open from 1 pm to 5 pm to drop in as we Play Games & Share as a Family. Board Games, Card Games, Video Games, all are welcome. (Lite refreshments)
- Nov 28 7:00 pm, Support group for victims of Sexual Violence at the Center

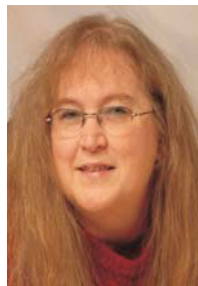
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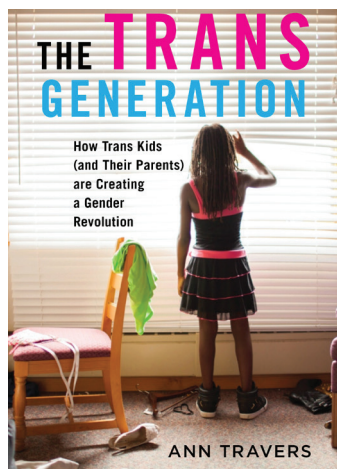
# Book Reviews

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"The Trans Generation: How Trans Kids (and Their Parents) are Creating a Gender Revolution" by Ann Travers c.2018, New York University Press \$25.00 / higher in Canada 261 pages



Boy or girl?

That's a common enough question, if you're an expectant parent. You might've even wondered it yourself: will you need pink things or blue, and what name will you choose? For generations, it's been an exciting decision for prospective parents, but **Ann Travers** asks in "**The Trans Generation**" if it's a prudent one. Maybe letting the child decide would be a better choice. Fifty-six years ago, when Travers was born, their mother's doctor unwittingly caused a lifetime of hurt: "It's a girl," he said, and Travers spent years trying to "untangle" what it meant.

That, they said, is part of what drives this book.

The other part is the desire to improve the lives of trans kids through understanding.

Getting to that point is harrowing: Ninety-five percent of transgender kids on one study felt unsafe in their schools. Many report that physicians misunderstand kids who are gender-nonconforming. Trans kids attempt suicide and / or self-harm at very high rates and, says Travers, "... many grow up hating their bodies..." Most employ several kinds of coping mechanisms to live their lives.

In writing this book, Travers says, they interviewed a wide variety of trans kids from the U.S. and Canada – nineteen in all, ages 4 to 20, plus twenty-three parents. The children mostly came from middle-class families, which allowed them privileges such as better access to medical care and chances to change schools if they needed to do so. Other children Travers interviewed lived in poverty, their stories illustrating how being a trans kid can be socially and medically isolating, and how lack of access to needed



resources can affect their well-being.

Parents, of course, can affect that well-being, too, but it takes a “phenomenal amount of care, advocacy, and activism... to push back against cisgendered environments,” schools, sports, binary-only bathrooms, social activities, medical facilities, and politics. It takes a willingness to learn, listen, and lean in.

Not just for parents, but for teachers, advocates, and loved ones, “The Trans Generation” is one heavy-duty book.

Writing with a bit of a scholar’s voice and occasional, relatively advanced, science and law studies, author Ann Travers also offers readers plenty of eye-opening chats with trans kids, which turn out to be the most helpful, useful, and even entertaining parts of this book. From the mouths of babes, as they say, those interviews give insights that adults will find to be wise and thoughtful, even monumental. They’re also heartbreaking but considering the kids readers are introduced to, and the singular interview with a 16-year-old who made her own hormone treatments in her high school’s laboratory, they’re a good indication of hope for the future.

While you could be forgiven for skipping to those case studies, you’d be missing out. The thicker parts of “The Trans Generation” *are* worth reading and reflection and are deeply instructive on pronouns, on gender fluidity, and on being trans in a cisgender-based society. They are also serious and weighty but that kind of rock-solid information could make this book the right choice.

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## TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

NOV  
20<sup>TH</sup>

**Today we remember and honor transgender people  
around the world whose lives have been lost to  
anti-transgender violence.**



**Keynote Speaker:  
Rhiannon Owens**

Rhiannon Owens is an artist that currently lives in the Gulf Coast area of Mississippi. She was born in Japan but spent most of her youth moving around the Eastern side of the US. In 1992, when her parents split, she ended up in Jacksonville FL and attended Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. It was here she learned to hone her artistic abilities, and it was also here, that she began to transition. By the time she graduated high school she was living full time, at the age of seventeen, as a woman. She was the first trans member of a local youth group called JASMYN ( Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network ). By the time she turned twentyone, she was already a mainstay at a local nightclub where she began her career as an entertainer. She traveled the East Coast and southern states as Miss Florida USofA @Large, Miss Jacksonville, and Miss River City Pride. She began spearheading and organizing benefits for causes like Breast Cancer, Pediatric AIDS, Domestic Violence, and homelessness. By the time she was thirty years old, she began to feel like there was more she could do with her talents and began to break away from the night life. In December of 2008, Rhiannon received her first invitation to do professional, freelance art. Since then, she has worked for more than twenty different companies in four countries to produce licensed and original artwork for beloved entertainment properties like Marvel, DC, Star Wars and more.

**Tuesday November 20th at 7 pm  
At the Dayton Metro Library (downtown)  
215 W. Third Street, Dayton OH 45402**

**Candle Lighting, Panel Discussion,  
Lite Refreshments, Reading of Names**

The ART Show at the Greater Dayton LGBT Center was a tremendous success offering an ambience and warmth to the whole place. Not only do we get to indulge in the beauty of some great art, but also share some history with a few historical pieces like the banners used at the Gay Game in Chicago and Cleveland by our local members or a banner carried by members in the march on Washington in 2009. If you have not stopped by the Center recently, you have missed a lot.

The Art Show at the Center will end at our Thanksgiving Dinner. That night many of the items, that have not already been sold, will be offered up for sale by private auction. So you may enjoy a good meal and bid on the art work you would like for your home. All items will have a minimum bid, and the highest bidder takes the art home. Some of the items offered by the artist or collector have offered to share 10%-50% of the sale with the LGBT center. So bid high and bid often to insure you get a great piece of art while helping your local non-profit LGBT center.

Below are just a few of the pieces that will be available.







**The Greater Dayton LGBT Center  
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

**November 17, 2018**

**Doors open at 5:00 pm Dinner Served at 6:00 pm**

**Turkey, Ham,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
all the Fixings supplied.  
Bring a salad or side dish to share  
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What a wonderful “Coming Out” and Grand Opening for the Greater Dayton LGBT Center. We opened up with a fantastic Art Show, while many shared their coming out stories. We heard stories from different generations and all walks of life, queer men, women, and transgender folk who spoke of their lives and struggles in their journey to come out and live their authentic lives. Once again, we all felt and shared community and closeness like never before. What a wonderful event!

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center was honored to host the opening night gala for the Dayton LGBT Film Festival. The gala, sponsored by Sue Spiegel and Lisa Hanauer, introduced many new faces to our LGBT center. Some opened their wallets to help with our future plans to do more within our community.

Our LGBTQIA community center continues to grow and NOW OFFERING drop in hours on Wednesday and Friday’s 1-9 pm where visitors can drop in, use the computers, play a game on one of our four different gaming systems, or read a book in our Library of over 1500 books with LGBT themes. So stop in and pay us a visit.

In November join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, our largest dinner of the year. Of course it is FREE to our entire LGBTQIA community serving a more traditional Thanksgiving Dinner of ham, turkey, mashed potatoes & dressing. We invite you to bring a side dish to share as we all sit, share a meal and conversation together. Entertainment will be brought by Mr. Ohio Gay Pride himself, Mr. Andy Brewer a.k.a. B-Sharp crooning out some delightful tunes along with some very special guests. So be sure to join us on November 17<sup>th</sup> for our social hour at 5 p.m. dinner served at 6 p.m., where we continue to build community one fork at a time.

Additionally, don’t forget National Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. held at Dayton Metro Library downtown featuring keynote speaker; Ryannon Owens, freelance artist for DC Comics, Marvel, and Star Wars trading cards. Join us as we remember and honor transgender people around the world whose lives have been lost to anti-transgender violence.

Lastly, The Greater Dayton LGBT Center will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. so anyone in the community may drop in and share your DAY with us. We will offer refreshments, games, and community. Come join our family!

As you see, we have lots of things taking place at the Center. We hope you will join us as we continue to build our community together.

# 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. Masque, 34 N. Jefferson 228-2582 (18+, Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG,AH)
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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