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LGBTIQA-R is hard!

Hard to talk about!

- Historically sensitive topic in libraries
- Patrons don't tell us what they need

Hard to find!

- Titles not published by "big"

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By the numbers

- 10 years since R-RZ range had been weeded
- 2 full-time librarians
- 539 shelves reviewed
- 2,364 titles withdrawn
- 25.25 hours weeding in stacks
- 15 titles sent to Queer Omaha Archives for historical value

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Finding experts

Who can help us decide if a book is still worthy of our collection?

- UNO's Gender & Sexuality Resource Center
- Women's & Gender Studies Faculty
- Psychology Faculty
- Sociology Faculty

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Queer Omaha Archives

Queer Omaha Archives:
<https://queeromahaarchives.omeka.net/>
The Queer Omaha Archives preserves Omaha's LGBTQIA+ history as part of the UNO Libraries' Archives & Special Collections. Historical materials documenting Omaha's diverse LGBTQIA+

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The horror show

Examples of what we found →

- "Cures" for homosexuality
- Deviance/causes of homosexuality
- Gender as a choice
- Eugenics
- Outdated medical practices
- Outdated therapy practices

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New books

A Selected List of Titles Added to the Collection (2018-2019):

1. Acquaviva, K. D. (2017). LGBTQ-Inclusive hospice and palliative care: a practical guide to transforming professional practice. New York: Harrington Park Press.
2. Cart, M., & Jenkins, C. (2015). Top 250 LGBTQ books for teens: Coming out, being out, and the search for community. Chicago:

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