

4-2019

## LGBTQIA-R: Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Medical Collection

Heidi Blackburn

University of Nebraska at Omaha, hblackbu@gmail.com

Omer Farooq

University of Nebraska at Omaha, ofarooq@unomaha.edu

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/crisslibfacproc>

 Part of the [Library and Information Science Commons](#)

Please take our feedback survey at: [https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8cchtFmpDyGfBLE](https://unomaha.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8cchtFmpDyGfBLE)

---

### Recommended Citation

Blackburn, Heidi and Farooq, Omer, "LGBTQIA-R: Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Medical Collection" (2019). *Criss Library Faculty Proceedings & Presentations*. 107.  
<https://digitalcommons.unomaha.edu/crisslibfacproc/107>

This Poster is brought to you for free and open access by the Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library at DigitalCommons@UNO. It has been accepted for inclusion in Criss Library Faculty Proceedings & Presentations by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UNO. For more information, please contact [unodigitalcommons@unomaha.edu](mailto:unodigitalcommons@unomaha.edu).

# LGBTQIA-R: Creating a Diverse and Inclusive Medical Collection

Dr. Heidi Blackburn [She/Her/Hers] STEM and Business Librarian [hblackburn@unomaha.edu](mailto:hblackburn@unomaha.edu)

Dr. Omer Farooq [He/Him/His] Social Sciences Librarian [ofarooq@unomaha.edu](mailto:ofarooq@unomaha.edu)

Download an Open Access copy of our journal article: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01462679.2019.1597799>

## 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"

OPEN

## 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- 2,364 titles withdrawn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

OPEN

## 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

OPEN

## 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+

OPEN

## 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

OPEN



## 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:

OPEN

CONTACT AUTHOR

PRINT

GET IPOSTER