

Seneca College Audio-Visual Services Recommended Video/DVD List For:

Gay / Lesbian / Transgender Issues

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Black white + gray (DVD) York Campus

TR139 .B53 2009

77 minutes

Yale-educated and born with a silver spoon in his mouth, Sam Wagstaff's transformation from innovative museum curator to Robert Mapplethorpe's lover and patron is intensively probed in *Black White + Gray*. During the heady years of the 1970s and 1980s, the New York City art scene was abuzz with a new spirit, and Mapplethorpe would be at the center of it. Wagstaff pulled him from his suburban Queens existence, gave him a camera and brought him into this art world that seemed to be waiting for him, creating the man whose infamous images instilled emotions ranging from awe to anger. In turn, Mapplethorpe brought the formerly starched-shirt preppie to the world of drugs and gay S-and-M sex, well-documented in his still-startling photographs. Twenty-five years separated the lovers, but their relationship was symbiotic to its core, and the two remained together forever. The film also explores the relationship both men had with musician/poet Patti Smith, whose 1975 debut album 'Horses' catapulted her to fame.

Boys don't cry (DVD)

PN1997 .B697 2000

118 minutes

The story of the life of Teena Brandon (Swank), a transgender youth who preferred life in her male identity as Brandon Teena.

Class queers

LC192.6 .C65 2003

40 minutes

Shown originally on the television program *Rough cuts*. *Class queers* tells the stories of three gay and lesbian kids from Toronto who weave their way in and out of the education system as a result of the harassment they encounter. Viewers are introduced to the Triangle Program, an alternative high school program for Gay and Lesbian youth.

C.R.A.Z.Y. (DVD) York campus

PS3557.R3789 C39 2007

127 minutes

Set in 1970's Montreal, Zac is the fourth of five sons, but he's always been more "sensitive" than the other boys. Growing up in a strict but loving Catholic household, Zac does everything he can to impress his stern father. Through a combination of music, rebellion and humor, Zac learns how to be true to his inner self and to teach his father to see him for who he really is.

Escape to Canada (DVD) King Campus

HQ1034.C2 E83 2006

81 minutes

Around the world, Canada is known for its beavers, Mounties and cold winters. But a new image has emerged recently, and the country has become known for potent marijuana, gay marriage and pushing the limits of freedom. The story begins in 2003, when by apparent coincidence, gay marriage and medical marijuana are legalized on the same day. Quiet, boring Canada suddenly explodes. Citizens from "The Land of the Free" flock across the border to marry their same-sex partners; others come to smoke marijuana. AWOL American soldiers arrive to seek refugee status. Canada is suddenly cool. But within months, Canada re-criminalizes marijuana and there's a campaign to revoke gay marriage...

Fatherhood dreams (DVD)

HQ76.13.F385 2007

55 minutes

Many if not most people are apprehensive, even fearful, about gay men raising children, especially without women in the picture. Fatherhood Dreams gives the issue a human face, involving us in the personal lives of four gay men who have always wanted to be dads. Meet Randy and Drew, a married gay couple who adopted a baby boy; Stephen, who co-parents two daughters with a lesbian couple; and Scott, a single gay man who, through surrogacy, is preparing to welcome twins into the world.

Forbidden love: the unashamed stories of lesbian lives

PN1997 .F646 1992

85 minutes

A documentary that brings lesbian love out of the closet. The film is a fictional love story, inspired by the lurid pulp fiction of the 1950s and '60s, intercut with live interviews, showing the contrast between the way lesbians were fictionalized and their actual experiences.

Homosexuality: the Canadian closet

HQ76.2 .C2 H65 2001

21 minutes

Gay culture has unprecedented profile in Canada. There are gay politicians, pop stars, marriages, adoptions, but it is still incredibly hard to come out of the closet, especially for teens in places where traditional attitudes dominate. Viewers meet those who are still afraid to come out and those who decided it was time to end the lie.

In the flesh

HQ77.9 .I5 2000

46 minutes

Documentary on four transsexuals who speak frankly about sexuality, relationships, family and self. They discuss the need for social support for transsexuals and for tolerance and equality. Most importantly, they talk about healing. An inspiring look at how these individuals are trying to gain control of their lives in all aspects: in the mind, in the heart and in the flesh.

Just call me Kade (DVD)

HQ77.8 .C65 2001

26 minutes

"Kade Farlow Collins is a sixteen year old FTM (female to male transgendered person). Kade's parents maintain a supportive and nurturing relationship to Kade regarding the challenges facing their teenage child. However, it hasn't always been easy."

Little man (DVD)

RJ250 .L58 2006

112 minutes

Little man is the story of how a micro-preemie brought a family to its knees. Throughout his struggle for life, so struggle filmmaker, Nicole Conn and political activist Gwen Baba to keep their family from disintegrating under the unrelenting stress and chaos of hospitals, emergency medical crisis and a crushing blow to trust.

Little Sister's vs. Big Brother

Z658.C3 L58 2002

47 minutes

Since it opened its doors in 1983, Little Sister's Book & Art Emporium has resisted bigotry, bombings, and books seized at the border. Weissman covers the bookstore's struggle over gay erotica and banned books which was one of the most notorious censorship battles in Canadian history as they took their struggle to the Supreme Court of Canada. Features an extraordinary cast of international writers including Pierre Berton, Jane Rule, Sarah Schulman and Patrick Califia-Rice.

Canada debates same-sex marriages**News in review September 2003**

D848 .C17 2003 Sept.

15 minutes

This past June an unprecedented court decision made same-sex marriages legal in Canada. For some, this development was an inevitable step in the evolution of human rights. But for others, the decision failed to acknowledge the institution of marriage's critical role in society and its religious significance. News in Review takes a look at the controversy.

Oliver Button is a star!

PZ7 .D439 O54 2001

78 minutes

Focusing on sex roles and stereotypes, this video includes comments from author Tomie dePaolo, Arctic explorer, Ann Bancroft, dancer/choreographer, Bill T. Jones, and makeup artist Kevyn Aucoin about what set them apart from 'normal' children as they were growing up, and interviews with first graders about how they view boys' and girls' roles. Interspersed between the commentary are readings and vocal renditions of Tomie dePaolo's semi-autobiographical story "Oliver Button is a sissy," a story about a boy who is ridiculed by his parents and peers simply because he'd rather sing and dance than play sports or engage in activities 'normal' boys enjoy.

Our house: a very real documentary about kids of gay and lesbian parents

HQ777.8 .O9 1999

57 minutes

Interviews with five families from New York, Arkansas, Arizona, and New Jersey describing their experiences of living in households led by gay and lesbian parents.

Out! Making schools safe for gay teens *King Campus*

HQ76.3.U5 O97 1900z

68 minutes, 2 videocassettes

This two part set shows how to combat homophobia through the sensitization of every member of a school community. The first part is intended for staff and features interviews with teachers and counsellors as well as tips for forming a gay-straight alliance. The second is designed for students and presents candid interviews with gay teenagers who discuss the reactions of their friends and families and ways in which they have coped with harassment.

Out, stories of lesbian and gay youth

HQ76.3 .C2 O87 1993

80 minutes

An intimate look at the struggles and victories of gay and lesbian youths in Canada. Delving into the emotional, societal and familial conflicts these youths face, video breaks the silences surrounding sexual orientation.

Philadelphia (DVD)

PN1997 .P445323 1993

125 minutes

Two competing lawyers join forces to sue a prestigious law firm for AIDS discrimination. As their unlikely friendship develops, their courage overcomes the prejudice and corruption of their powerful adversaries.

Prejudice: more than black & white (DVD)

BF575.P9 P74 2008

35 minutes

Muslims, blacks, gays, people with disabilities, and immigrants of every ethnicity and color: they and many other groups have stood in the spotlight glare of intolerance, easy targets for every sort of discrimination and violence. What makes people prone to irrational hate, and what steps can individuals and society take to eradicate it? In this program, psychology professors Susan Fiske and Mahzarin Banaji share their insights and experiences. A pro-gay Baptist minister who formerly took a biblical stance against homosexuality and an ex-imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan who now speaks out for tolerance also offer their views.

Saving face: a new comedy (DVD)

PN1997.2 .S38 2005

97 minutes

Wilhelmina is a Chinese-American lesbian and a young surgeon who has kept her sexual orientation secret from her conservative Chinese community in New York. But when her widowed mother becomes pregnant and is kicked out by her own parents, Wil suddenly has to juggle her mother's secrets with her own. Wil has a new romance with Vivian who is a ballet dancer and the daughter of Wil's boss.

Silent pioneers

HQ30 .S55 1994

43 minutes

Elderly lesbians and gays speak out about their reclusive former lives and satisfying present relationships. This documentary seeks to offset the widespread stereotypes of these individuals.

Southern comfort (DVD)

HQ1075 .S68 2000

90 minutes

Robert Eads is a 52-year-old female-to-male transsexual who is dying of ovarian cancer. The film follows the last four seasons of Eads's life, as he falls in love with Lola Cola, a male-to-female transsexual, and in the process, explores issues of family, identity and the complicated relationship between biology and choice. One of the most remarkable documentaries of our time about gender, family, and love relationships.

Sticks & stones

HQ76.4 .S74 2001

17 minutes

Young children ages 5 to 12 describe how they feel when they hear put-downs of themselves or their families in this video for children, their educators and parents. Children learn from subtle clues what society thinks about gender roles, same-sex parents and family differences. Children talk about why bullies indulge in name-calling, and what they think should be done about it.

Straightlaced: how gender's got us all tied up (DVD)

HQ1075.5.U6 S77 2009

67 minutes

Meet 50 incredibly diverse students who take us on a powerful, intimate journey to see how popular pressures around gender and sexuality are shaping the lives of today's American teens ... Demonstrates how gender-based expectations are deeply intertwined with homophobia, and also are impacted by race, ethnicity and class. From girls confronting popular messages about culture and body image, to boys who are sexually active just to prove they aren't gay, STRAIGHTLACED reveals the toll that deeply-held stereotypes and rigid gender policing have on all of our lives, and offers both teens and adults a way out of anxiety, fear, and violence.

Transamerica (DVD)

PN1997.2 .T73 2006

104 minutes

Bree is a pre-operative, male-to-female transsexual, who holds down two jobs and saves every penny so that she can pay for the one last operation that will make her a woman. One day, however, she receives a strange phone call. On the line is Toby, apparently her son, who must be the product of a somewhat clumsy sexual encounter years ago when she was a man. He is in New York in jail. Bree flies from Los Angeles to New York in order to get the boy out of jail. The boy is handed over to her without a word of explanation and Toby believes the woman to be some Christian missionary determined to convert reprobates to Jesus. However, she finds out that the boy just wants to escape from her and hitchhike to Los Angeles. She persuades him to accompany her back to the west coast.

Transgeneration (DVD)

HQ77.7 .T73 2005

300 minutes, 2 DVDs

Originally aired as a five-hour, eight-episode series on the Sundance Channel in 2005. Follows four American college students as they prepare for gender reassignment. They discuss their lives, their hopes and setbacks, and deal with varying reactions from family and friends.

Why thee wed? (DVD)

HQ1033 .W49 2006

51 minutes

Originally produced in 2005. Presents interviews with same-sex married couples who share their views on marriage, religious and political opposition, child adoption, and love. Also includes interviews with their families, the lawyer who represented them, and gay rights activist Jane Rule--who takes issue with the institution of marriage.

You don't know dick (DVD)

HQ77.7 .Y55 1997

58 minutes

Provides honest and riveting portraits of six men who once were women. Through their commentaries and the experiences of partners, friends, and family emerges an unforgettable story of self-discovery.

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