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Erie County Public Library showcases LGBTQ+ History

Erie, PA – Two LGBTQ+ exhibits have arrived at Erie County Public Library. Blasco Memorial Library now features two historic exhibits documenting the history of our LGBTQ+ communities and their struggle for equality in the State of Pennsylvania.

Produced by the *LGBT Center of Central PA*, “The Long Road to LGBTQ+ Equality in Pennsylvania” is a traveling history exhibit that chronicles the efforts that activists have undertaken in Pennsylvania to achieve full equality for LGBTQ+ people. The exhibit debuted in February on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots. The Blasco Memorial Library’s display marks the exhibit’s first stop in Erie County. Additional information about the exhibit and the *LGBT Center of Central PA* can be found: <https://centralpalgbtcenter.org/thelongroad>

Also on display at Blasco Memorial Library is *The Erie LGBTQIA+ History Project* created “A Look Back: A History of the LGBTQ+ Community in Erie.” This exhibit documents the history and activism of LGBTQIA+ residents of Erie County. This exhibit premiered in June and has been displayed at two other locations in the city.

The local exhibit is supplemented by photo albums and archives from the *Erie Gay News*, which are on display in the Blasco Library’s Heritage Room—a resource for county history.

Both exhibits are displayed through September 3rd, 2019.

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ABOUT THE PA LGBT HISTORY NETWORK

The PA LGBT History Network engages people in discovering Pennsylvania's LGBTQ+ history, historic sites, history projects, artifacts and archival collections, and to facilitate collaboration between the organizations, institutions and individuals that provide stewardship of this heritage. Become a part of the Network on Facebook, or join our Google Group at the-pa-lgbt-history-network@googlegroups.com.

ABOUT THE LGBT CENTER OF CENTRAL PA

The LGBT Center of Central PA fosters inclusive communities and holistic well-being for LGBTQ+ people through social, educational, and cultural engagement. Established in 2006, it has been located at its physical site at 1306 N. 3rd Street in Harrisburg since 2012, and serves over 2,000 people each year with a wide range of programs and services for all ages and identities across Dauphin, Cumberland, York, and Lancaster counties.