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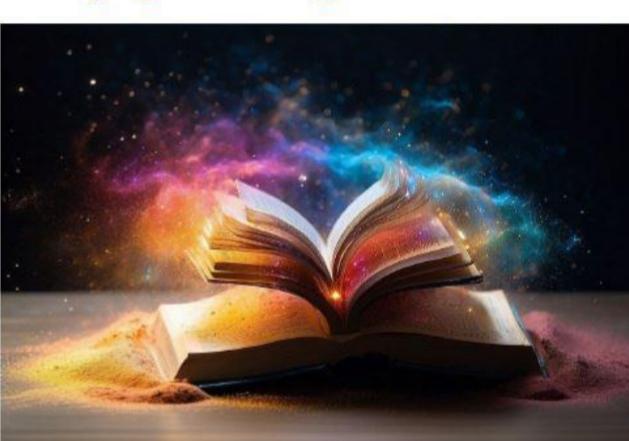
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## Orpington Library's Younger Teens Reading Group

Do you enjoy reading?  
Enjoy talking about books?



Would you like to join the Younger Teens Reading Group at Orpington Library?

If you would like to join, please contact us by email: [orpington.library@gll.org](mailto:orpington.library@gll.org)

Meetings are once a month on a Monday from 5:30-6:30pm, during term time, for ages 11-14 years

We look forward to seeing you!

## On This Day... Meg Cabot was born 1<sup>st</sup> February 1967

Meg Cabot is a very successful American author who was born in Bloomington, Indiana, and went on to write more than 100 books for both teens and adults, selling over 25 million copies worldwide. She is best known for *The Princess Diaries* series, which became #1 *New York Times* bestsellers, were translated into dozens of languages, and were turned into popular Disney movies, even though some of her books have been banned in certain schools and libraries because of their strong messages about female empowerment. Cabot studied fine arts at Indiana University, lived in places like France and California, and later worked at New York University, where her experiences inspired some of her later mystery novels. Her writing includes many popular series such as *The Mediator*, *Avalon High*, *1-800-Where-R-You?*, and *All-American Girl*, as well as creative books written entirely through emails and text messages. In addition to novels, she has written graphic novels, including one for DC Comics, and continues to create new stories for younger readers and adults. Meg Cabot is especially proud that her books have helped many young people enjoy reading and feel supported during difficult times, and she even donates part of her book profits to charities that support girls' rights. Today, she lives in Key West, Florida, with her husband and several cats, continuing to write stories that are known for humour, strong characters, and hopeful endings.



### The Princess Diaries #1 by Meg Cabot

Mia Thermopolis is pretty sure there's nothing worse than being a five-foot-nine, flat-chested freshman, who also happens to be flunking Algebra. Is she ever in for a surprise.

### The Princess Diaries: It Takes 2 by Meg Cabot

Just when Mia thought she had the whole princess thing under control, things get out of hand, fast. First, there's an unexpected announcement from her mother. Then Grand'Mere arranges a national primetime interview for the brand-new crown princess of Genovia. On top of that, intriguing, exasperating letters from a secret admirer begin to arrive.

### The Princess Diaries: Third Time Lucky by Meg Cabot

Princess Mia may seem like the luckiest girl ever. For Mia, being princess is not the fairy tale it's supposed to be... or is it?

### The Princess Diaries: Mia Goes Fourth by Meg Cabot

Never before has the world seen such a princess. Nor have her own subjects, for that matter. Mia's royal introduction to Genovia has mixed results: while her fashion sense is widely applauded, her position on the installation of public parking meters is met with resistance.

## LGBT History Month 1<sup>st</sup> February

LGBT+ History Month in the U.K. is celebrated every February and is a month-long event that focuses on the history, achievements, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, while also promoting equality and understanding. This year's theme, *Art in Politics – The Arc is Long*, highlights how creativity and activism have helped shape progress over time, and it also marks the 50th anniversary of the first Pride March in Britain. LGBT+ History Month was first created in 1994 by an American high school teacher, Rodney Wilson, and was introduced in the U.K. in 2005 by Sue Sanders and Paul Patrick from Schools OUT U.K., following the repeal of Section 28, a law that restricted discussion of homosexuality in schools. The month is now celebrated in

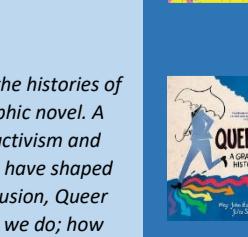
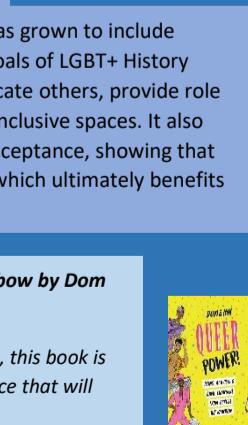
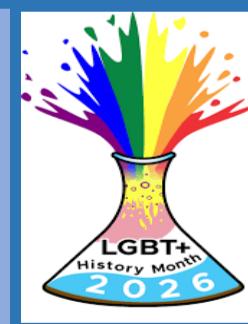
many countries around the world, although the timing differs, and it has grown to include hundreds of events, media coverage, and school activities. The main goals of LGBT+ History Month are to increase visibility of LGBT+ people and their history, educate others, provide role models, and help make schools and other institutions safer and more inclusive spaces. It also reminds society of the long struggle for equal rights and encourages acceptance, showing that learning about differences helps everyone feel respected and valued, which ultimately benefits the whole community.

### Queer Power: Icons, Activists and Game Changers from Across the Rainbow by Dom and Ink

Covering topics including coming out, gender, mental health and activism, this book is packed full of empowering quotes, inspiring life lessons and helpful advice that will encourage you to embrace your story and find your power.

### Queer: A Graphic History by Meg-John Barker

Activist-academic Meg-John Barker and cartoonist Julia Scheele illuminate the histories of queer thought and LGBTQ+ action in this groundbreaking non-fiction graphic novel. A kaleidoscope of characters from the diverse worlds of pop-culture, film, activism and academia guide us on a journey through the ideas, people and events that have shaped queer theory. From identity politics and gender roles to privilege and exclusion, Queer explores how we come to view sex, gender and sexuality in the ways that we do; how these ideas get tangled up with our culture and our understanding of biology, psychology and sexology; and how these views have been disputed and challenged.



Holocaust Memorial Day is observed every year on January 27 and is dedicated to remembering the millions of people who were murdered by Nazi Germany during the Holocaust, including about six million Jewish people and millions of others such as Roma, people with disabilities, Jehovah's Witnesses, and political opponents. The Holocaust was driven by extreme antisemitism and the Nazi plan known as the "Final Solution," which aimed to remove Jewish people from society through discrimination, violence, and eventually mass murder. After World War II began in 1939, Jews in occupied countries like Poland were forced into overcrowded ghettos with terrible living conditions designed to cause suffering and death, and later many were killed by mobile death squads or sent to extermination camps such as Chelmno. Holocaust Memorial Day was officially recognized by the United Nations in 2005 to mark the anniversary of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps and to ensure that the victims are never forgotten. On this day, people around the world come together to learn

about what happened, honour survivors, and remember those whose lives were destroyed, while also reflecting on the importance of standing up against hatred, discrimination, and genocide. By remembering the Holocaust, Holocaust Memorial Day reminds us that history must not be repeated and encourages empathy, responsibility, and action to help create a more just and humane future. To learn more about Holocaust Memorial Day, [click here](#).

### Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank and Otto Frank

In July 1942 thirteen-year-old Anne Frank and her family, fleeing the horrors of Nazi occupation, went into hiding in an Amsterdam warehouse. Over the next two years Anne vividly describes in her diary the frustrations of living in such confined quarters. This unabridged, definitive text reveals Anne's innermost thoughts and feelings as she grows up, and provides a deeply moving true-life story that comes to an abrupt and tragic end.

### The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

It is 1939. In Nazi Germany, the country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier – and will become busier still. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed forever when she picks up a single object, abandoned in the snow. It is *The GraveDigger's Handbook*, and this is her first act of book thievery. So begins Liesel's love affair with books and words, and soon she is stealing from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library... wherever there are books to be found. But these are dangerous times, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, nothing will ever be the same again.



## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY TRUST

