

LGBT Center Central PA History Project



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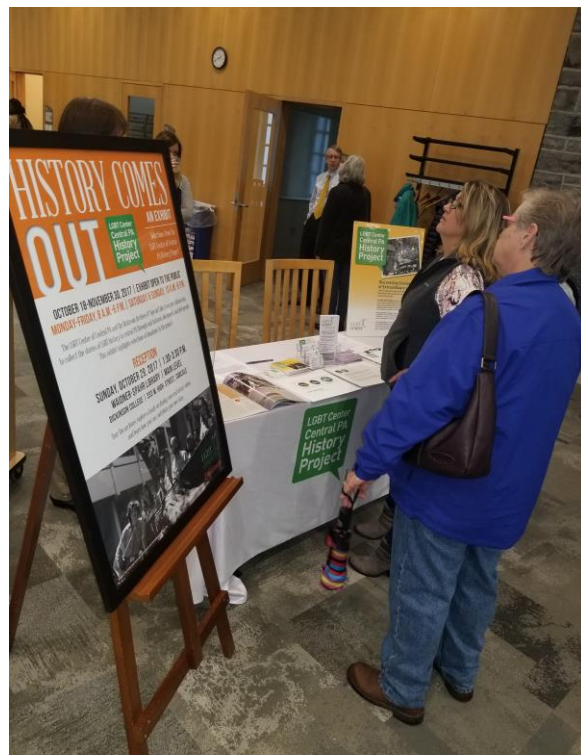
Fall 2018

***History Comes Out* again at Carlisle exhibit**

History Comes Out, our annual exhibit of archival materials from the LGBT History Project, is on view at the Waidner-Spahr Library at Dickinson College, 333 West High Street, Carlisle, September 18 through December 14 on the lower level of the Library just outside the Archives. Curated by a student volunteer, the exhibit includes selected artifacts, documents and photographs from the 1960s through the 2000s organized chronologically.

Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (excluding college holidays). For more information, email archives@dickinson.edu or call 717-245-1399.

An exhibit reception and open house in the Archives will be held on Sunday October 14 from 1:30 PM to 5 PM. Refreshments will be served. The open house will feature a large number of additional collections on display, clips of several video oral history interviews and a demonstration of a Google Maps survey of sites related to LGBT history in central Pennsylvania.



A photograph from the 2017 History Comes Out exhibit at Dickinson College

The exhibit is part of our annual celebration of National LGBT History Month in October.

Second grant received for traveling exhibit

A grant of \$7,000 has been received from the Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Fund in Philadelphia to fund the History Project's collaborative effort to produce a traveling exhibit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in 2019. We thank them for their support! This is the second grant received in support of the project; the first grant was received in June from the Schlegel-Deibler Foundation for \$10,000.

This is a collaborative effort between our History Project and other members of the statewide PA LGBT History Network. The exhibit will travel throughout the state during 2019 in celebration of the 50th anniversary year of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City that helped spark the modern LGBTQ civil rights movement. The exhibit will chronicle the more than 50 years of efforts in Pennsylvania to obtain LGBTQ civil rights protections, and feature stories about the passage of local non-discrimination ordinances in several cities, including Harrisburg, Lancaster and York here in central Pennsylvania.

Research and script writing for the exhibit is partially complete and Exhibit Studios of Harrisburg has been selected through an RFP process to design and fabricate the exhibit. The exhibit is expected to premier in February 2019.

Progress continues

We continue to make progress on many fronts with the History Project, including oral history interviews, transcriptions and exhibits. We currently have oral history interviews completed with 136 individuals (and transcriptions completed for all but 8 interviews). About 100 people remain on the waiting list. We have nearly 100 linear feet of artifact and archival collections.

The history project steering committee held its strategic planning process in August 2018 in coordination with the strategic planning process for the LGBT Center's board and staff. We will share more information about our plans in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Clean out your closets

We are always looking for historical materials pertaining to local LGBT history and many of you probably have such items buried in closets, attics, basements and in drawers you rarely look through. Please take some time as you search for those holiday decorations this fall to check for any items like old newsletters, flyers, photographs, videos, newspaper clippings, t-shirts, buttons and other documents and artifacts that you may have that relate to LGBT organizations, events or other aspects of the life of the LGBT community here in central Pennsylvania. Contact us to donate these materials at history@centralpalgbtcenter.org. Thank you!

Support our friends

The Harrisburg Gay Men's Chorus and the Central PA Womyn's Chorus have been supportive friends to the History Project, welcoming us to be part of their information tables and providing free ad space in concert programs. Please check out their web sites for upcoming concert information and support them in their events.

<http://www.harrisburgmenschorus.org/>

<http://www.cpwchorus.org/>

And don't forget upcoming events at the LGBT Center: check out the full calendar of events at www.centralpalgbtcenter.org/. The LGBT Center is located at 1306 N. Third Street in Harrisburg.

LGBT Center of Central PA History Project

Founded in 2012, celebrating our 6th anniversary!

Winner of the 2014 J. Franklin Jameson Award from the Society of American Archivists

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