



# OUT ON THE SHELF

[www.outontheshelf.ca](http://www.outontheshelf.ca) | LGBTQ Library

## Our Space

Located at 10 Carden Street in Downtown Guelph, the Out On The Shelf Library began registering patrons and circulating items in December 2015

Out On The Shelf protects the right to be free from hate activity based on age, ancestry, citizenship, creed (religion), colour, dis/ability, ethnic origin, family status, gender identity, appearance, mode of dress, HIV/AIDS status, literacy level, political affiliation, race, financial status, sex, sexual orientation, or any other personal characteristics by or within our organization.

## Our Volunteers

The OOTS Library is 100% volunteer run. And our volunteers are more than just pretty faces! They learn records management, library operations, and many more transferable skills.



## Our Resources

We have almost 3000 titles that you won't find anywhere else in the city. From the ribald to the risqué, we've got everything your inner bookworm could possibly desire. We also have a selection of valuable documentaries, a collection of children's books, dozens of informative pamphlets and take-away literature, and many other great resources.



## Our Goals

- Be a safe place for people to learn, explore, and discover,
- become a resource of information and inspiration for the entire city and beyond,
- be a responsible and valuable partner to other community-building organizations in Guelph,
- actively spread understanding and compassion on issues of sexuality and identity, and
- enthusiastically originate and promote events that celebrate and expand our diversity!



## In 2016 we hope to...

- Build our interlibrary loan partnership with the Guelph Public Library,
- partner with at least six libraries in the Golden Triangle
- start lending "information kits" on diversity/gender/sexuality topics to the community
- build an archive of historical material,
- hire paid part-time staff



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