

## Taylor abstract

### Transgender Children's Books in the Public Library

In 2019-2020 the Andover Public Library received book challenges on three books in the children's collection featuring transgender main characters, *George* by Alex Gino, *Lily and Dunkin* by Donna Gephart and *I am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings. The Library Board rejected the challenges and the books remain in the children's collections. This presentation will share the story of the challenges and all that transpired, including media attention and a protest. It will demonstrate how the director and the library board rejected the book challenges. This specific example demonstrates some of the best practices for facing book challenges on LGBTQ content.