

Celebrate
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Pride at the Library

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Although the 40th annual Long Beach Pride Festival and Parade has been delayed to August 5 and 6, the [Long Beach Public Library](#) is holding several Pride-related events in June. (In addition, Long Beach hosted its first ever LB Proud! Fest from May 19 to 21, which included a collaborative event with Beach Streets and a beach party.) The events listed here are free and open to the public.

Pride Zines for Teens: Wednesday, June 7 at 2 p.m. at BJK Main Library (200 W. Broadway) and Wednesday, June 14 at 4 p.m. at Michelle Obama Library (5870 Atlantic Ave.)

CSULB's Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Department is partnering with LBPL to offer this zine workshop for teens. It will include supplies and instructions for creating your own Pride-themed print and digital zines.

Pride Loteria with Kay Sedia: Friday, June 9 at 5:30 p.m. at Los Altos Library (5614 Britton Dr.)

Play a Pride-themed Loteria game hosted by the fabulous drag queen Kay Sedia. All ages are welcome and other activities include a photo booth, coloring, and dancing.

The Passionate Pursuits of Angela

Bowen: Friday, June 16 at 2 p.m. (BJK Main Library)

Dr. Jennifer Abod will discuss the life and contributions of her late partner, Dr. Angela Bowen, a dancer, teacher, scholar, and queer activist who was also the first Black woman to join the staff of the Women's studies department at CSULB in 1997. A screening of Abod's 2016 documentary on Bowen will be followed by a Q&A with Dr. Abod.

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