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Driftwood Public Library presents two programs about lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender lives

October is LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) History Month! To coincide with this national event, Driftwood Public Library will present two informational programs on LGBT topics.

On Saturday, October 20th, at 3 PM, guest speakers Sinclair St. Claire and Kit Lorelied of Tualatin Public Library will present "Beyond Pronouns: Transgender Experiences." The program discusses the experiences of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, and offers tips and information about how workplaces and communities can become more welcoming toward transgender and gender non-conforming people, both legally and socially. Attendees will learn more about the ways "business as usual" can be a stumbling block for people who don't fit neatly into boxes labeled "male" and "female." Former Lincoln City educator, journalist, and writer Bethany Howe will introduce the presentation.

On Sunday, October 21st at 3 PM, a guest panel of adult and teen experts from the Central Coast chapter of Parents and Friends of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender People (PFLAG) will be presenting their panel "LGBTQ 101." Billed as "everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask," this panel is an intended as an introduction to terminology and basic concepts related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender experiences; panel members will also share their personal experiences and answer questions. County Commissioner Claire Hall will introduce the discussion.

Both programs will take place at Driftwood Public Library and are free and open to the public thanks to the generous support of the Friends of Driftwood Public Library. The library is located on the second floor of the City Hall building at 801 SW HWY 101, across the street from Burger King and adjacent to McKay's Market. Questions about the series can be directed to the library's Circulation Supervisor, Ken Hobson at 541-996-1242 or khobson@lincolncity.org.

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