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**Driftwood Public Library celebrates LGBT History Month with a visit from Dr. Bethany Howe**

October is LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) History Month and for the second year Driftwood Public Library will be presenting a lecture on an aspect of the LGBTQ experience.

On Saturday, October 12th, at 3 PM, guest speaker Dr. Bethany Howe will give a presentation titled *Turning Back the TIDE: How to be a Better Ally to Transgender People*, based on her doctoral research among transgender communities throughout the United States.

Among members of the transgender community and their allies, it's understood that living with a transgender identity in the 21st century, even though things have gotten better, remains difficult. Those who deny transgender identity, particularly those we see in media, can be particularly damaging to the mental health of transgender people. What may surprise transgender allies, however, is the damage they may be doing to their friends in the community without even knowing it. Dr. Howe, a former Lincoln City teacher and journalist, knows, both first-hand and as a researcher at the University of Oregon, the damage being done to the transgender community - even by those who think they are helping.

The presentation will take place at Driftwood Public Library and is free and open to the public thanks to the generous support of the Driftwood Library Foundation. 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 event can be directed to the library's Circulation Supervisor, Ken Hobson at 541-996-1242 or [khobson@lincolncity.org](mailto:khobson@lincolncity.org).

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