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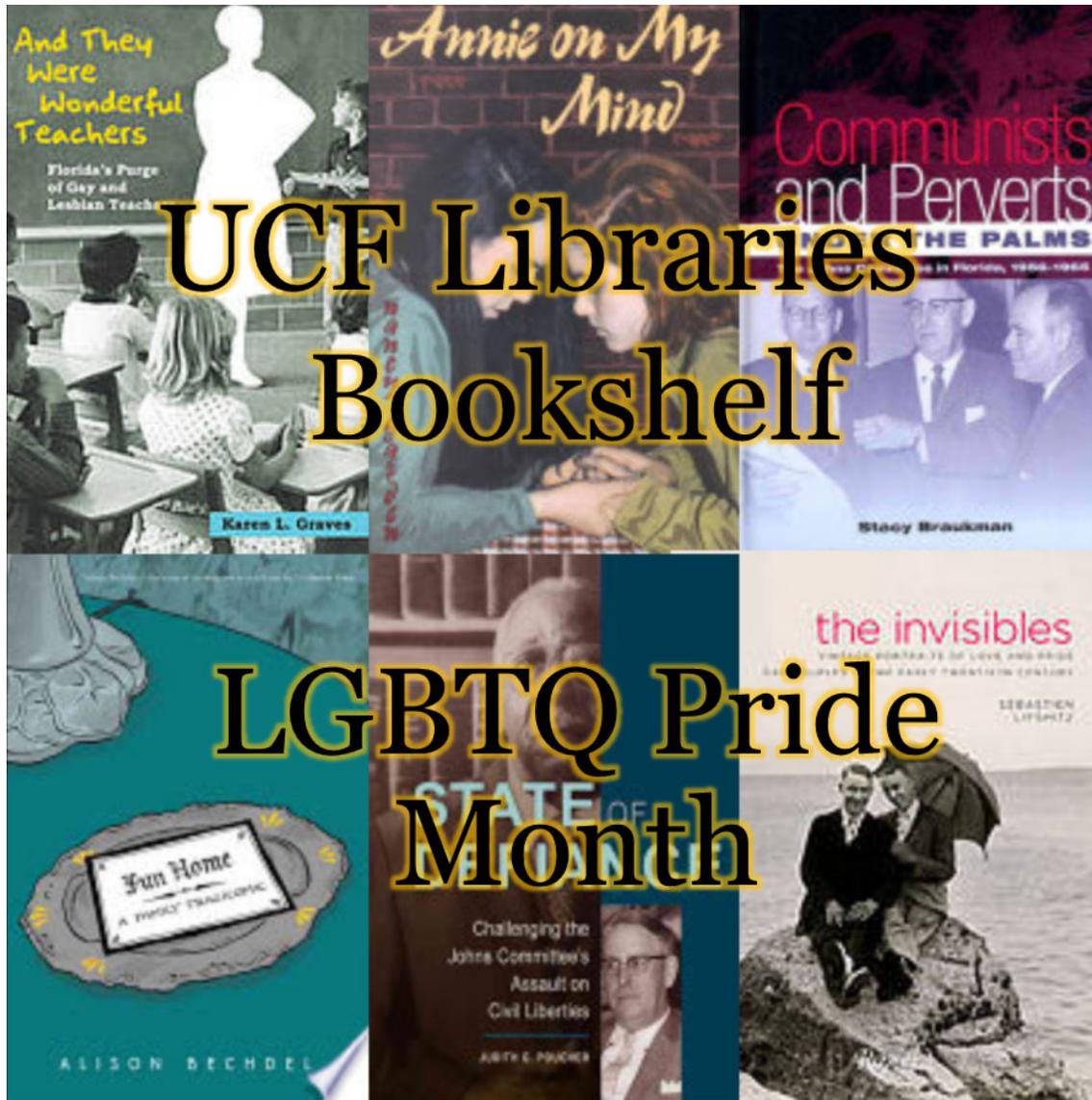
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June is LGBTQ Pride Month. To celebrate UCF Library staff are sharing their favorite LGBTQ themed books and books by LGBTQ authors.

***And They Were Wonderful Teachers: Florida's Purge of Gay & Lesbian Teachers*** by Karen Graves

Focusing on Florida's purge of gay and lesbian teachers from 1956 to 1965, this study explores how the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, commonly known as the Johns Committee, investigated and discharged dozens of teachers on the basis of sexuality.

*Recommended by Richard Harrison, Reference & Information Services*

***Annie on My Mind*** by Nancy Garden

A classic lesbian coming of age novel set in early 1980s New York City.

*Recommended by Carrie Moran, Teaching & Engagement:* "This book helped me during my coming out process. It's a gorgeous love story, and will resonate with anyone who's ever fallen in love for the first time."

***Communists and Perverts under the Palms: The Johns Committee in Florida, 1956-1965*** by Stacy Braukman

In 1956, state Senator Charley Johns was appointed the chairman of the newly formed Florida Legislative Investigation Committee, now remembered as the Johns Committee. This group was charged with the task of unearthing communist tendencies, homosexual persuasions, and anything they saw as subversive behavior in academic institutions throughout Florida.

*Recommended by Richard Harrison, Research & Information Services*

***Fun Home*** by Alison Bechdel

This book takes its place alongside the unnerving, memorable, darkly funny family memoirs of Augusten Burroughs and Mary Karr.

*Recommended by Martha Cloutier, Circulation:* Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic is a graphic novel that is both well written and drawn. Though I could not relate directly to the subject matter of the book I could relate to the feelings of secrecy, shame, and confusion that the author divulged about her family. The book has been made into a Broadway Musical and won a Tony in 2015 for the Best Musical!

***State of Defiance: Challenging the Johns Committee's Assault on Civil*** by Judith G. Poucher

The Johns Committee, a product of the red scare in Florida, grabbed headlines and destroyed lives. Its goal was to halt integration by destroying the NAACP in Florida and smearing integrationists. Citizens were subpoenaed under charges of communist tendencies, and later for homosexual or subversive behavior.

*Recommended by Richard Harrison, Research & Information Services*

***The Invisibles: Vintage Portraits of Love and Pride*** by Sébastien Lifshitz

A charming collection of vintage photos of gay couples privately and often secretly celebrating their relationships. This volume is a unique collection of photographs of gay couples from 1900 to 1960.

*Recommended by Megan Haught, Research & Information Services/Teaching & Engagement:* "I love that this shows the "closeted dark ages" weren't as closeted as I've always thought."