

Online resources

- **Leodis – LGBT+ Collection**
Curated by Ross Horsley from the West Yorkshire Queer Stories project, this online collection looks at aspects of Leeds' LGBT+ past.
<https://www.leodis.net/viewguidedtourimage/1005>
- **Secret Library Leeds blog**
Read about aspects of Leeds' varied histories and communities including these specific articles on the LGBT+ community.
<https://secretlibraryleeds.net/local-history/lgbt-history-in-leeds/>
<https://secretlibraryleeds.net/2017/07/28/lgbt/>
<https://secretlibraryleeds.net/2020/07/31/lgbt-leeds-a-brief-history-in-photographs/>
<https://secretlibraryleeds.net/2020/01/17/male-homosexuality-in-britain-1954-70-the-leeds-link/>
<https://secretlibraryleeds.net/2019/09/13/the-leeds-women-against-the-clause-march/>
- **West Yorkshire Queer Stories** – this 2018-2020 project collected stories from the LGBT+ community across West Yorkshire. Read the stories or listen to the interviews covering various aspects of LGBT+ life and culture. <https://wyqs.co.uk/>
- **Leeds Libraries catalogue** - search the online catalogue by author, title or subject. The catalogue includes fiction, non-fiction, e-books and audiobooks. https://leeds.ent.sirsiidynix.net.uk/client/en_GB/default/
- Join Leeds Libraries online here: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/libraries>

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Sunday - Closed

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Our Research Guides list some of the most useful, interesting and unique items in **Local and Family History** at **Leeds Central Library**. Many others are listed in our online and card catalogues.

Please note: Items marked * require ID to view.



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LGBT+ Local History Stock

- **West Yorkshire Queer Stories** (2020) – Book to accompany the West Yorkshire Queer Stories project that collected stories of LGBT+ community across West Yorkshire **YQ 306.777 WES**
- **Leeds Other Paper** (1974- 1991) - Providing an alternative to the mainstream press. For the first time, LGBT+ readers found event listings, reviews and advice included within a title aimed at a wider readership of Leeds residents. **LQ 072 LEE**
- **Spare Rib magazine** (1972-1993) – This monthly magazine challenged female stereotypes, especially where sex was concerned. Embracing gay and bisexual women within its audience from the start, its journalism was thorough and often hard-hitting. **Q Periodical 305.4 SPA**
- **Edward Carpenter** (1844-1929) – socialist, author, poet and philosopher and an early advocate for gay rights. He lived in Leeds in the 1870s and a selection of books by and about him can be found on the library catalogue including *Story of My Books* **Y B CAR**, *Towards Democracy* **Y 828 CAR** and *Edward Carpenter: A Life of Liberty and Love* by Sheila Rowbotham **Y B CAR**.
- **Robert Hawthorn Kitson** (1873 – 1947). Openly gay Leeds-born artist who lived in Italy from 1899. Various newspaper articles, including:
 - ‘Dies in Sicily,’ *Yorkshire Evening News*, 20.09.1947
 - ‘A Leeds Artist Dies in Sicily,’ *Yorkshire Post*, 20.09.1947
 - ‘Feast of Baroque,’ *Yorkshire Post*, 9.6.1986
- **Lynn Daniel Collection** – collection of books, newsletters and badges concerned with lesbianism and feminism. Includes a collection of badges and items related to Greenham Common. **SRF2 306.76 DAN***
- **Shout!**: West Yorkshire's free monthly listings paper for the lesbian, gay and bisexual community (Feb – April 1996) **YQ 306.76 SHO**
- **Itchy Leeds Guide** (2000 – 2007). Popular annual guide to Leeds, which included a ‘Gay’ section each year. **L 914.2819 ITC**
- **Leeds Fax** (1989 and 1998). Semi-regular guide to Leeds, which included a ‘Sexual Leeds’ chapter with sections on Lesbian and Gay Leeds. **L 914.2819 LEE**
- **Wharf Chambers Cooperative Club** (2013-2020) – What’s on guides to the ethically run, not for profit venue, bar and community space. Hosts many alternative and queer-friendly events. **LP 791 WHA**
- **Alan Bennett Collection** – a collection of works and ephemera by Leeds playwright Alan Bennett, some signed. **ABC 823 BEN**
- **Rainbow Plaque trail** (2018) Created by the Leeds Civic Trust to celebrate leading figures in Leeds’ LGBT+ history. **LP 306.76 LEE**
Also available online: <https://leedscivictrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Web-version-Plaque-Trail.pdf>
- **Leeds LGBT Literature Festival 2018** Programme of events. **LP 306.76 LEE**
- **Gay Leeds Map and Guide** (2010) – Map of Leeds city centre highlighting LGBT+ venues across the city. **LP 912 LEE**
- **Leeds Pride: 2016** – 10 years of Leeds Pride! Saturday 6th and 7th August **LPQ 791.6 PRI**
- **Pocket guide to gay-friendly Leeds** (2001) by the Leeds Lesbian Gay Bisexual Switchboard **LP 306.76 POC**
- **Trailblazing Stories shared by younger and older LGBTIQ+ people** (2018), collected by West Yorkshire Queer Stories and Sage **YP 306.76 WES**
- **Angela Morley nee Wally Stott: A Brief Biography** by David Ades (2003). Biography of Leeds-born conductor and composer, the first openly transgender person to be nominated for an Academy Award. **LQP B MOR**
- **‘Zine Library** – located on the first floor of Leeds Central Library, the ‘zine collection covers a variety of topics including LGBT+, sexuality and gender.