Office of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay & Transgender (LBGT) Student Services

The office of Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay & Transgender (LBGT) Student Services provides support, education, and advocacy to the WMU community to create an environment in which all people are supported and welcome, inclusive of their general identity/expression and sexual orientation.

Books & Beans
Books and Beans is a LBGT coffee and book discussion program at Western Michigan University. As cafes around the world have provided casual spaces in which friends can convene, this program offers a welcoming space with conversation over coffee. The book club provides a framework for participants to discuss and develop a greater understanding of LBGT experience through a casual and supportive setting.

Fall Fab Fest
Fall Fab Fest is a welcome event offered at the beginning of the fall semester to support LBGT and ally students in the greater Kalamazoo area. The event features an information tent with representatives from LBGT-friendly resources available on area college campuses and in the local community.

First Year Pride Alliance
The First Year Pride Alliance is a cohort of first year students who meet in a relaxed, inclusive, and safe space to find a peer support while learning more about LBGT history, social justice and LBGT-supportive resources. The alliance prepares first year students to succeed by addressing many of the unique challenges facing LBGT and ally individuals while providing the tools to thrive in a University environment. First Year Pride Alliance builds relationships and knowledge among first year students to support their entire college experience.

Lavender Graduation
Lavender Graduation is a celebration that recognizes graduating LBGTA students’ contributions to the university and acknowledges their achievements throughout their college experience. Students are recognized for their leadership, success, and achievement. The ceremony recognizes students, faculty, staff and groups who have made significant contributions to LBGTA-inclusion at WMU.

LBGT Resource Room and Library
The Resource Room is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters. As a safe, non-judgment space the Resource Room is open to students, faculty and staff as a place to study, find resources, rest between classes, watch movies, and more. Walk-ins are always welcome.

LBGT Student Advisory Council
The Student Advisory Council meets with various university units to inform the Office of LBGT Student Services on diversity and inclusion efforts. The council works to identify areas of opportunity throughout the university with a focus on creating a safe and welcoming campus inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity.