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*LGBT
History
Month*

2026 Theme: Science and Innovation

Celebrating the contributions of LGBT scientists, researchers, engineers and innovators. Highlighting LGBT people whose discoveries and ideas have shaped healthcare, technology and other fields. Reflecting on how science and medicine have historically been misused to pathologize and discriminate against LGBT people.





*"We are not what other people
say we are. We are who we
know ourselves to be, and we
are what we love. "*

Laverne Cox

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1.
HISTORY

What is LGBT History Month?

- We celebrate LGBT History Month in October to learn more about the past and present experiences of members in this community, and how we as educators can support them
- LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movements
- October is a time to recognize and honor the impact LGBT individuals have made through their activism for rights and representation, locally, nationally, and internationally

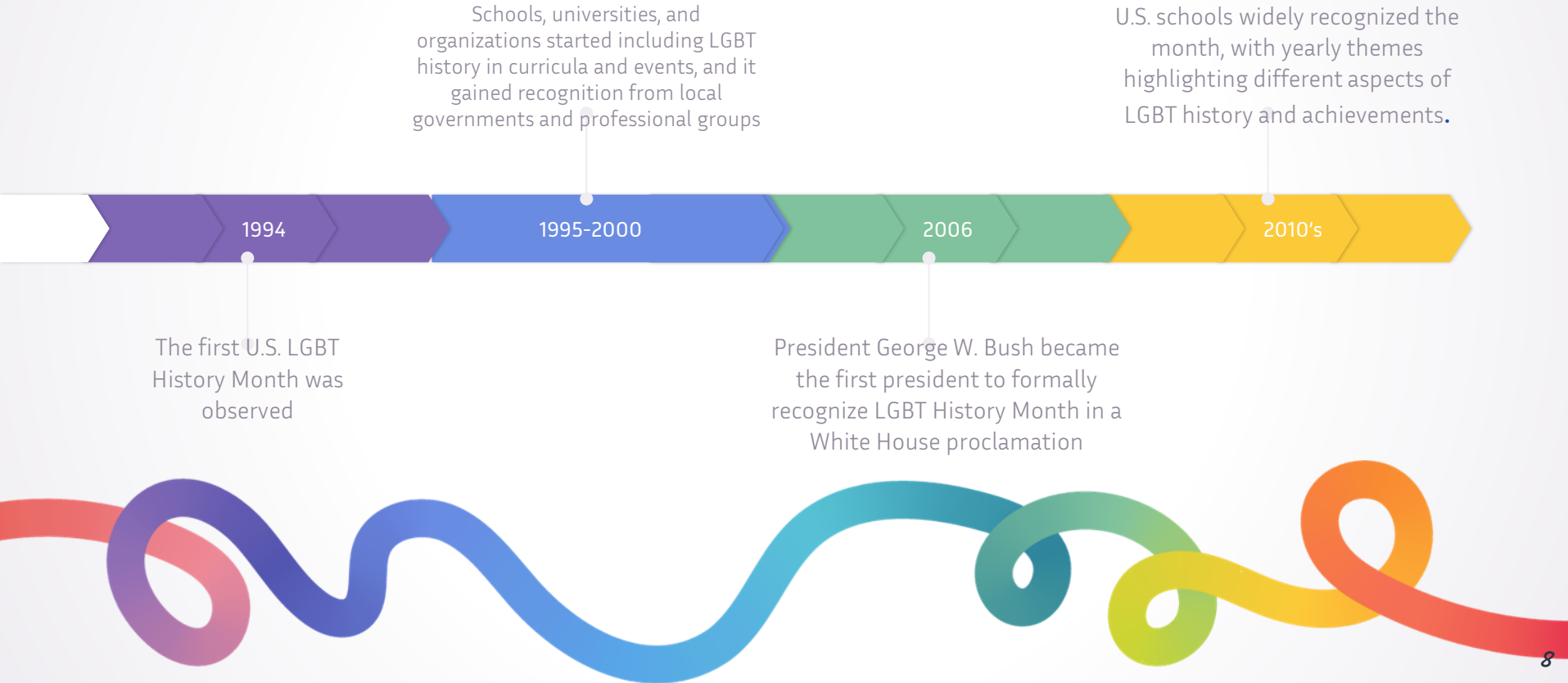


In 1994, Rodney Wilson, the first openly gay history teacher at a Missouri public high school, realized that students weren't learning about the history of LGBT people or the rights movement. When notable LGBT people were mentioned, their identities were often ignored.

The result: few people understand how deeply woven LGBT individuals are throughout history and the important marks they have left. To help change that, Wilson started what was then called Lesbian and Gay History Month and served as the founder on the first coordinating committee. The next year, it was officially added to the list of commemorative months in a resolution by the General Assembly of the National Education Association.



Timeline

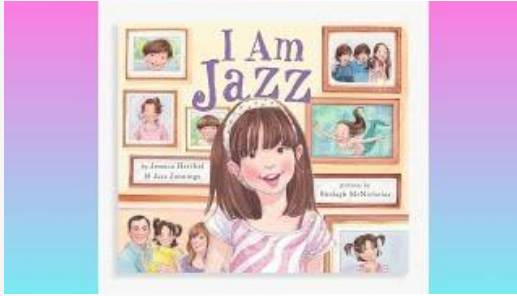


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2.

*Primary
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Primary Resources



Read Aloud



Coloring Pages



Rainbow STEM Challenge



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3. *Secondary Resources*

Secondary

Resource	Overview
<u>AASL LGBT History Month</u>	Curated activities, book lists, and educator links
<u>UCLA LGBT History Month Resources</u>	Timelines, school-focused materials, and classroom resources
<u>CEA Educator Resource Guide</u>	Civil-rights lessons, reading lists, and teaching supports
<u>PFLAG LGBT History Resources</u>	Books, films, podcasts, and student choice-board options
<u>GLSEN Resources</u>	Inclusive lesson materials and student-support resources
<u>Library of Congress LGBT Collections</u>	Primary sources, images, digital collections, and research materials
<u>ONE Archives Foundation</u>	Archival exhibits and LGBTQ+ community-history sources



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5.
*Notable
Figures*



Nergis Mavalvala

Dr. Nergis Mavalvala is an astrophysicist whose research contributed to the historic detection of gravitational waves, ripples in space predicted by Albert Einstein. She is also among the scientists selected for the 2026 Science & Innovation educational resources.



Dr. Ben Barres

Dr. Ben Barres was a groundbreaking neuroscientist whose research helped scientists better understand how cells in our brains work together. He was also the first openly transgender scientist elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. Schools OUT selected him as another scientist for its 2026 educational resources.





Sally Ride

Sally Ride was an American physicist and astronaut who became the first American woman in space in 1983. After leaving NASA, she became a professor and worked to inspire young people, especially girls, to explore science, technology, engineering, and math. Ride was also the first known LGBT astronaut, and her legacy continues through her contributions to space exploration, science, and education.