

## **Spotlight: Human Rights Campaign**



<u> Human Rights Campaign Headquarters, Washington , D.C.</u>

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is among the nation's most prominent advocacy organizations for LGBTQ+ rights — and it is headquartered right here in Washington, D.C. It was <u>started</u> in 1980, by Steve Endean, to help fund congressional candidates that would promote LGBTQ+ rights. Today, it is an organization of three million members that <u>provides</u> resources to the LGBTQ+ community, teachers, and anyone interested in furthering equality in our community.

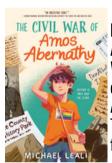
The HRC's Youth Well-Being Program works to improve the lives of LGBTQ+ youth: the Youth Ambassadors program provide leadership training opportunities to LBGTQ+ youth; Project THRIVE provides professional development to organizations serving LGBTQ+ youth; and the annual "Time to THRIVE" summit provides information for organizations, such as schools, to improve their support to LBGTQ+ youth.

## Around the District

June 8:  $\underline{\text{Capital Pride Parade}}, 15\text{th Street NW}, between 11:00 am and 2:30 pm$ 

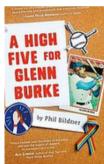
June 9: Pride: Tie-Dye T-Shirts, Shepherd Park Library, June 15

## Reading Recommendations



By: Michael Leali Ages: 8+

Were there any LGBTQ+ people during the civil war in Illinois? Amos Abernathy aims to find out. This is a heartfelt story about finding connections to history.



By: Phil Bildner Ages: 10+ Working on his book report, sixth grader Silas Wade, finds out that the former Major Leaguer Glenn Burke was gay. Knowing this helps Silas to be true to himself.



By Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby Ages: 11+ This first-of-its-kind anthology presents 16 stories featuring LGBTQ+ perspectives and characters. Stories are told in prose, poetry, and comics.

