



News Committee Blog Roundup: April

We're happy to announce that the results of this year's RT election have come out. The tallies for Chair, Director-at-Large, and Roundtable Councilor are now available on our blog, as well as many other news features from the past month.

To take a peek, check out the [GLBT News blog](#).

This month, a lot of attention has gone to North Carolina and House Bill 2. The news blog's covered a few features on the issue, alongside our newest resource updates and column features.

GLBTRT Election Results – The results are in! Congratulations to Jennifer Maguire-Wright as our elected Chair, along with all of the roundtable's other winners!

From the Chair: At the Table – Peter Coyl addresses the decision to cancel the ALSC National Institute meeting in North Carolina this September, in light of recent anti-LGBT measures taken in the state. He also talks about the roundtable's involvement in that decision.

New resource available: LGBTQI Health Resource Guide – This new

intersex individuals.

New resource available: LGBT Issues in Higher Education – A list of scholarly research on GLBT issues in higher education has been included to our list of resources. Also included are related books (with OCLC records to check where they're available) and web resources, which feature materials for those looking for a GLBT-friendly college, loans, or fellowship opportunities.

2016 Banned Books Week grants offered through Freedom to Read Foundation's Krug Fund – Have an idea for a program or activity in honor of Banned Books Week, September 25th to October 1st? Submit your application to the Krug Fund by May 15th for a chance at \$1,000 or \$2,000 towards that project.

ALA President, ALSC President, and GLBTRT Chair Urge North Carolina Governor to Repeal HB2 – North Carolina caused a major stir with House Bill 2, or the Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act, repealing all GLBT non-discrimination ordinances in the state. Earlier this month, our Chair joined the ALA and ALSC presidents in an official statement to the governor to repeal the measure.

10 LGBT Podcasts To Check Out – For those looking for some new listening material for their commute, *Pride* has posted a list of podcasts looking for new listeners, with topic ranging from music and culture to sports.

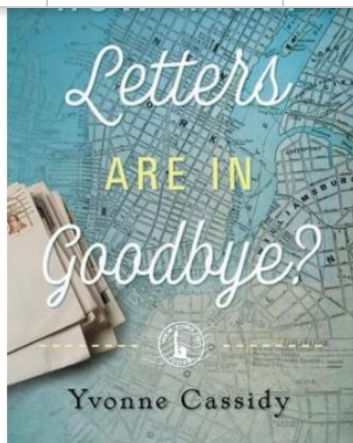
Gay author James Hannaham wins PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction – James Hannaham's *Delicious Foods* has been awarded the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction for '...a sweeping American tale of race and exploitation, a darkly comedic thriller and an intimate portrayal of a troubled mother and her damaged son.'

School Is In: Community Organizations – In Elizabeth Gartley's latest column, she talks about how libraries can better serve their patrons through interacting with, and providing patrons with access to, LGBT community organizations.

Queer Quest 19: A Bag of Bones – What's with TV's interest in killing off queer characters? How is our artistic vision affected by the society we live in and its thoughts on inclusion?

The latest 'Off the Shelf' column's up, along with a novel and collection of transgender essays.

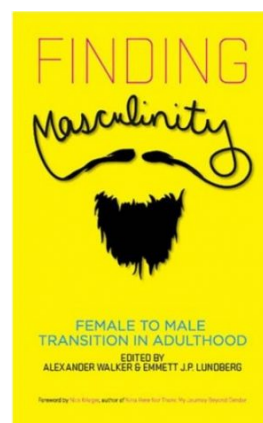
For more items, check the [Review Committee's page](#).



How Many Letters in Goodbye, by Yvonne Cassidy – Narrated in a series of letters, 17-year-old Rhea struggles to uncover information about her mother while coming to grips with her past and present, which includes a missing arm and a relationship with her aunt's stepdaughter. A complex and serious read, librarians should be aware of several trigger topics in the novel, including homelessness and suicide. Recommended for high school audiences and older.

Off the Shelf #12: You Can Always Go Downtown: LGBT Urban Histories – Rob Ridinger column explores various books focused on gay communities in urban environments, like New York (George Chauncey's *Gay New York*) and California (Jim Van Buskirk and Susan Stryker's *Gay by the Bay*).

Finding Masculinity, edited by Alexander Walker and Emmett Lundberg – This essay collection tells the story of 15 FTM individuals of various backgrounds, talking about their transitions and the impact it had on their relationships with loved ones. The variety of subjects provides different perspectives on how transitioning affects various aspects of one's life, from healthcare to spirituality. A solid choice for any kind of library collection.



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