

**FFRPL and the Rochester Public Library
are committed to diversity, equity,
and inclusion.**

The Rochester Public Library

The Local History & Genealogy Division
of the Rochester Public Library
preserves and ensures widespread
access to inclusive resources and
information about the diverse history of
Greater Rochester and all of its residents.

Collections

The division holds one of the largest
archives of LGBTQIA+ history in
New York State, comprised of more than
21 individual collections. Most of
the material was acquired through the
efforts of Evelyn Bailey and the
'Shoulders to Stand On' documentation
project. The library is committed to
preserving and providing public access
to the collections in perpetuity.

Programs/Exhibits

Since 2018 the library has worked
with community partners to present
the Anthony Mascioli Rainbow Dialogues,
a 'Shoulders to Stand On' program,
sponsored by FFRPL. The program
contextualizes LGBTQIA+ life
in Rochester against the backdrop
of social justice issues.

In 2019, the library partnered with diverse
stakeholders in the LGBTQIA+ community
to create 'Stonewall: 50 Years Out,'
a large-scale exhibition on the history
of LGBTQIA+ life and activism.
The exhibit was sponsored by FFRPL.



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A Legacy of Pride

The Evelyn Bailey Shoulders to Stand On Endowed Fund



The history of Rochester's LGBTQIA+ community is full of unique, amazing and iconic stories that must continue to be captured and stored.



The Evelyn Bailey Shoulders to Stand On Endowed Fund at the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library was established in 2021 to provide staff and resources to preserve and promote the history of Rochester's LGBTQIA+ community.



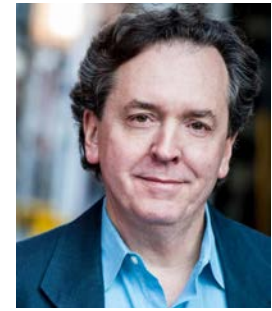
Learn more and contribute to this important legacy project:
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"The Endowed Fund will allow the Local History & Genealogy Division to hire an LGBTQIA+ Outreach Archivist to care for the collections I placed there, expand the archive to include the people, organizations, and stories that I have not been able to chronicle, and share LGBTQIA+ history through public programs."

– Longtime LGBTQIA+ activist, educator and historian

Evelyn V. Bailey
(October 27, 1946 – July 13, 2022)



"... the community in Rochester is far and away at the forefront of preservation of LGBTQ culture."

– Franklin A. Robinson, Jr., Archivist, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian (inaugural Anthony Mascioli Rainbow Dialogues Keynote Speaker)



2023 Anthony Mascioli Rainbow Dialogues Keynote Speaker:
Jeffrey Q. McCune, Jr., Director of the Frederick Douglass Institute of African & African-American Studies and Frederick Douglass Associate Professor of African American Literature and Culture at UofR.

