STONEWALL BOOK AWARD 50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATING & PRESERVING THE VOICES OF LGBTQ+ AUTHORS

Background

The Rainbow Round Table (RRT) is the oldest queer professional association in the United States and was etablished in 1970 as the "Task Force on Gay Liberation." Recognizing a need to capture and preserve its history, RRT leaders enlisted cohorts of Emerging Leaders (2017 & 2018) and later the Archive Project Ad hoc Committee to launch a digital archive and oral history project. Visit the **ALA Archives!**

Project

Continuing our project from the previous EL Team who built an online archive for the Round Table. We built out a **media archive** by collecting oral histories of current and former RRT members. The existing collection is expanding to include the diverse histories of Stonewall Book award authors and their contributions, along with a **digital exhibit** dedicated to the celebrating first gay book award and the Dallas conference of 1971.

Learnings

For projects with similar goals and scope, carefully assess records management practices, ever-changing technology offerings and pricing, web hosting options, standard operating processes and diverse representation across participants and lived experiences.
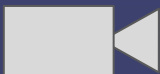
Thank You

RRT Emerging Leaders,
2017 & 2018

Rainbow Round Table

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Everyone who participated in interviews and donated to the archive!
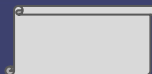
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Interviews:
Six authors are being interviewed about their involvement with the Stonewall Book Awards and their contributions to LGBTQ+ storytelling

Website:
The interviews are being transcribed and will be uploaded to the RRT Oral History site by the start of Q3. A **new page** has been created on the site to support this new collection
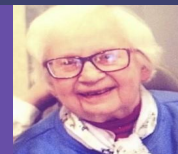
Documentation:
Existing toolkit materials were updated for members of the group to continue collecting the oral histories of Stonewall Book Award authors

In memory of Kay Lahusen, 1930-2021

A Gay Crusader Who Spoke Truth To Power
She will be greatly missed and always remembered.

All sources are located in either the ALA Archives or NYPL. Please see full citations here.