June is Pride Month!

Pride Month is a yearly celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Pride.

LGBTQ rights have come a long way since the 1969 Stonewall riots, where gay rights activists clashed with police outside the Stonewall bar in New York’s Greenwich Village. Yearly Pride marches have been organised in reaction to those events, in an ever-increasing number of cities worldwide.

This month's book display offers a selection of works discussing various aspects and experiences of the LGBTQ movement.

"The Stonewall Reader" will take you back to the Stonewall events of 1969, one of the most significant periods in the gay liberation movement and the catalyst for a decades-long fight for LGBTQ rights in the United States and beyond.
"The Little Book of Pride" offers a concise look at how the movement has spread around the world since then, and which key people were involved.

"Before We Were Trans" tells the stories of people across the globe whose experience of gender has been transgressive and/or fluid. "Romance in Marseille" and "The Line of Beauty" are novels in which themes of sexuality and gender form part of the story - the latter book has won the Man Booker Prize and is heavily inspired by the author's own experiences at Oxford.

"Queer: a collection of LGBTQ writing" provides a rich overview of writings by essential LGBTQ authors such as Oscar Wilde, Verlaine, and Armistead Maupin.

"Gender Euphoria" offers a collection of positive stories, centring on the feelings of happiness experienced by authors the first time they truly embrace themselves and their self-chosen gender.

We hope you enjoy this book display. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, do let us know.