I'm Jay, let's play
by Beth Reichmuth (she/her) - E REICHMUTH
An exciting story about Jay's morning at preschool playing with friends. Jay loves playing in the kitchen, driving dump trucks, twirling in skirts and crashing tall towers. Jay, Ren, Finn, Casey, and Riley are dynamic kids with exciting ideas -- probably a lot like any preschooler you know and love. This book models gender fluidity as a normal and delightful part of the lives of young children.

Sam is my sister
by Ashley Rhodes-Courter (she/her) E RHODES-COURTER
Evan, Sam, and Finn fish, climb trees, and play astronauts together, but when Sam wants to have long hair and wear dresses, Evan is confused until he learns what it means to be transgender.

A portrait in poems: the storied life of Gertrude Stein & Alice B. Toklas
by Evie Robillard (she/her) - J 818 STEIN
Whimsically presented as letters to the reader, an insider’s tour of the lives of Gertrude Stein and her partner, Alice, explores the couple’s art collection, their relationship with their literary contemporaries and the writing of Stein’s The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas.

Were I not a girl: the inspiring and true story of Dr. James Barry
by Lisa Robinson (she/her) - J B BARRY
A picture book biography that tells the story of Dr. James Barry, born female, who lived as a man from age 18 to his death.

Ask your librarian for more LGBTQ+ recommendations!
Worm loves Worm
by J. J Austrian (he/him) - E AUSTRIAN
A simply told celebration of love in all its splendid forms finds the insect community preparing to attend the wedding of two apparently identical worms and wondering which will wear the tux and which the gown before deciding it does not matter.

Uncle Bobby's wedding
by Sarah S Brannen (she/her) - E BRANNEN
Fearing that her favorite uncle's upcoming marriage to his boyfriend will make him less available, little Chloe enjoys a magically reassuring family visit, in a story produced with GLAAD.

Annie's Plaid Shirt
by Stacy B. Davids (she/her) - E DAVIDS
Annie loves her plaid shirt and wears it everywhere. One day her mom insists that Annie must wear a dress to her uncle's wedding. Annie protests, then has an idea. But will her mom agree? Themes of gender norms, identity, individuality, and self-esteem.

Jacob's school play: starring he, she, and they
by Ian & Sarah Hoffman (he/him & she/her) - E HOFFMAN
Jacob's class learns about the use of pronouns of their own choosing when, while preparing for a school play, they learn that their non-binary and gender-fluid classmate, Ari, prefers "they." Look for this adorable character in two other books: Jacob's New Dress and Jacob's Room to Choose, also available at the Sonoma County Library!

Papa, Daddy, & Riley
by Seamus Kirst
A little girl who loves both of her fathers wonders why she has to choose when a classmate asks her which of her dads is the real one, in a heartwarming tale that explains how families are made of love and that there are many ways to be part of one. Illustrations.

The hips on the drag queen go swish, swish, swish
by Lil Miss Hot Mess (she/her) - E LIL MISS HOT MESS
Sing along to a playful book that encourages readers to boldly be exactly who they are. It offers a quirky twist on a classic song.

C is for country
by Lil Nas X (he/him/they/them) - E LIL NAS X
An illustrated ABC book that makes children from all parts of America feel that they belong and can be their true selves.

Julián at the wedding
by Jessica Love (she/her) - E LOVE
The heroic young star from Julián Is a Mermaid bonds with a lively new friend during a family wedding filled with flowers, cake, dancing, and kissing that reveals the power of friendship.

When Aidan became a brother
by Kyle Lukoff (he/him) - E LUKOFF
Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby.

Plenty of hugs
by Fran Manushkin (she/her) - E MANUSHKIN
Illustrations and gently rhyming text follow two mothers and their toddler on a sunny day in this cozy celebration of family.

Our subway baby
by Peter Mercurio (he/him) - J 362.734 MERCURIO
Pete's moving and emotional text tells how his partner, Danny, found a baby tucked away in the corner of a subway station on his way home from work. Pete and Danny ended up adopting the baby. They are reminded, 'Where there is love, anything is possible.'

My Rainbow
by Deshanna Neal (she/her) - E NEAL
An joyful picture book describes a family trip to the beauty supply store, where Mom gathers materials to make a vibrant wig that is as colorful as her autistic transgender daughter.

This Day in June
by Gayle E. Pitman (she/her) - E PITMAN
In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, This Day In June welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united. Be sure to look for My Maddy, also by Pitman, about a child celebrating