

# TORONTO DRAG QUEENS TO HOST STORYTIME AT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Sashay your way to the library for an inclusive and supportive storytime.

The Halton Hills Public Library will host its first-ever Drag Storytime on July 20.

The storytime is hosted by Fay Slift and Fluffy Soufflé, hosts of Drag Storytime since 2016. The duo has performed all over the Greater Toronto Area with notable events at the Toronto Public Library's March Break, the Caledon Public Library's March Break, and the Toronto Pride Festival among many others.

Both Fay and Fluffy are experienced child educators. Fay, also known as JP Kane, is an educator with the Toronto District School Board. Fluffy, who also goes by Kaleb Robertson, is a child care provider and cultural producer (DJ, performer, and event host).

The program celebrates diversity and literacy in a supportive and inclusive environment. The event includes stories, songs, and laughs as the pair prove how reading is fun-damental.

"The LGBTQ community is at a higher risk of discrimination and violence," Jessica May, the mother of an 11-year-old trans advocate. "If we raise children with an open mind to different kinds of people, my community is safer."

May said while her daughter has powerful allies at school, there is a lack of understanding among other children.

"She is often questioned about her gender and genitalia and it bothers her," May said. "My view is that the exposure isn't intended to convert children, but to reveal variety and the spice of life."

"The more interactions LGBTQ people have with children, the better"

The HHPL welcomes LGBTQ+ parents, families with gender variant children, and all members of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as those who support them. All ages are welcome to attend with or without children.

"We are really excited to be hosting our very first Drag Storytime in support of di-

versity and inclusion," Douglas Davey, manager of children's and youth services at the HHPL, said. "HHPL is a place where everyone of any age can feel welcome and supported."

Drag Storytime also allows parents to open up dialogue with their children and share a message of acceptance, understanding, and positivity."

Drag Storytime with Fay and Fluffy will be at the Georgetown branch of the Halton Hills Public Library (9 Church St.) on July 20, at 11 a.m.

More about Fay and Fluffy at [FayandFluffy.com](http://FayandFluffy.com). Register for Drag Storytime at [hhpl.on.ca](http://hhpl.on.ca).



David Hawe photo  
Fluffy Souffle and Fay Slift, the hosts of Drag Storytime, will be at the Halton Hills Public Library's Georgetown Branch on July 20.



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## ... Lend Me Your Ears

### COMMON QUESTIONS ABOUT TINNITUS - PART 2 DO WE KNOW WHAT TINNITUS IS??

The actual cause or event or mechanism of Tinnitus is not known. We know it is real; it is a symptom that something is wrong in the auditory system, but we do not know what that something is. We do know that it is not the patient's imagination; it is a physiological or neurological event. There is reason to be hopeful because current research using a Tinnitus model may provide the necessary information for identifying its cause.

#### IS IT ASSOCIATED WITH HEARING LOSS?

In most cases, Tinnitus is associated with some hearing loss. For example, those who have been exposed to excessively loud sounds may have a hearing loss for the high pitched tones. Usually their Tinnitus will be located as a high pitched tone in the region of the hearing loss. In some cases Tinnitus is present where there is no hearing loss and for no discernable reason.

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