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Triton College Hosts Queer Theory Presentation

Triton Celebrates International Transgender Day of Visibility

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College held a Queer Theory presentation on Thursday, March 31, International Transgender Day of Visibility. The event was held in the Library.

Those in attendance learned the history of queer theory such as famous LGBTQIA+ leaders and writers as well as how to be an ally.

“I have a background in history and I’m a queer person myself,” said Triton librarian River Seiler. “It just made sense that I give this presentation.”

Seiler explained that March 31 is International Transgender Day of Visibility so it was fitting to teach the history of queer theory on that day.

“During my presentation, I talked about the history of LGBT people with a focus on activism,” Seiler said. “We touched on queer theory, why queer theory exists, and we watched a short film.”

The short film, *Still Me*, was about a non-binary student who wants to be accepted at her high school. Afterwards, Seiler hosted a discussion about the film.

Those in attendance learned about key people in the queer community, such as authors Judith Butler, Cathy J. Cohen and Michel Foucault. Seiler also explained how to be an ally to those who may be struggling with their self-identity.

“One of the things we learn about in library science is how students see themselves in books,” Seiler said. “We want every student at Triton College to feel appreciated and accepted.”

Seiler noted that Triton has several additional online resources, such as books, magazines and newspapers, that students can read if they’re interested in LGBT causes.

For more information, about this event please contact riverseiler@triton.edu.

Students wishing to talk to someone about LGBT issues or concerns should contact the Triton College Counseling Department at 708-456-0300, Ext. 3588.

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