



# Building Inclusive Spaces through Drag at Stony Brook University



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# Slides Available

[bit.ly/sunyla-drag](https://bit.ly/sunyla-drag)





# A brief history of DQSH

- Started in 2015
- 50+ affiliates
- “...gives kids glamorous, positive, and unabashedly queer role models.”

[\(DQSH website\)](#)

**Why would we  
want to do an  
event like this in  
an academic  
library?**





# DQSH is an opportunity to:

- Explicitly invite marginalized communities into your spaces.
- Provide your students with a chance to relax and feel like kids again.
- Make clear your allyship with queer and trans communities on campus.
- Draw an audience for frank discussions of big issues like gender, identity, and performance.

# Our Experience



Our Drag Queen Story Hours  
are collaborative events.

# Our Experience

## CONVERSATIONS WITH:

- Library folks
- LGBTQ\* Center
- DQSH Long Island
- Our queens: Bella Noche and Annie Manildoo (an SBU student!)











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Zeng  
Shippensburg University Libraries

**Bella**  
Noche  
Shippensburg University Libraries

**Annie**  
Manildoo  
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# Outcomes

## **ATTENDEES**

30!

## **FEEDBACK**

Overwhelmingly positive!

## **LESSONS LEARNED**

Many!

# Considerations

**1**

Do I have buy-in from relevant stakeholders at my institution?

**2**

How will I support queer communities at this event?

**3**

Have I budgeted for this?



# Next steps:

***Continue to build relationships and offer inclusive, community-oriented programming.***



**QUESTIONS &  
COMMENTS?**

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**Thank you!**



