

LGBTQIA Friendly Map



LGBTQIA Friendly Spots in Cedar Park & Leander



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Hi, I'm Karen Goldsum, a family therapist, and I love dinosaurs.

I recently moved to Cedar Park from South Austin. While I have met some nice people, since moving here, I have been shocked by the overt racism, homophobia, and sexism I have witnessed. Toto, I've a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore.

I created this guide to give my teenage clients a list of spaces they can feel safe in.

This is meant to be a living document. If you know of a welcoming meeting place for LGBTQ youth that isn't on the list, please contact me so I can add it. Likewise, if you've had an experience that shows a listed location isn't safe or affirming, please let me know so I can promptly remove it.



Terra Toys (North Austin)
Stocking a variety of old-school & eclectic toys, plus sweets, gifts & books.

Book woman (North Austin)
Specializing in books by & about women, this indie shop also offers t-shirts, gifts & events.

Quacks (Central Austin)
Hip coffeehouse with an easygoing vibe

Little Gay Shop (Downtown Austin)
Books, apparel, and gifts by LGBTQIA+ artists.

Jo's Coffee (South Austin)
Known for its vibrant "I love you so much" mural painted by local musician Amy Cook

Check out the map to find more queer friendly locations

Further Afield

Lark and Owl (Georgetown)
Neighborhood gathering space for readers, writers, dreamers, and kindred characters

Book Burrow (Pflugerville)
Safe space for all our friends and the friends we haven't met yet,

Emerald Tavern Games and Cafe (North Austin)
Convivial joint with a large library of board & hobby games

Dragon's Lair Comic Bookstore (North Austin)
Huge comics store with costumes, games & gifts with tables for play

Birdhouse Bookstore (North Austin)
A woman owned independent book and gifts store

Cedar Park

The Secret Lantern
Books, board games, community events, and stories that spark connection.

Phat Track Books and Records
Punk-inspired store focusing on horror, dark romance, heavy metal, and zines. Must be over 16 to shop

Paper Bark Birch Children's Bookstore

Where we help kids discover that reading is not just something you learn, it's something you love.

Spare Birdie
Upscale bar featuring locally sourced food, plus bowling lanes

Chains that actively support Cedar Park and Leander Pride Events

Snooze Junbi

Starbucks

Shake Shack

Pinthouse Pizza

Torchy's Tacos



Leander

Lioness Books
Bringing an accessible, creative, inclusive, and safe space to our community.

Adventures in Ink
A place for people to explore the different multiverses of comics and meet others who share similar interests

Seven Oaks Coffee
Relaxed spot for a range of coffee drinks (from lattes to cold brews) in clean, modern digs.