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Presents

***the GENDER book* Project's Bookstorming Edition**

Thursday, December 8, 2011, 6-8PM

Houston, TX - Lawndale Art Center hosts *the GENDER book* Project's Bookstorming Edition, a community editing party from **6-8PM on Thursday, December 8, 2011**. This event aims to celebrate *the GENDER book* as a fun, colorful, community-based resource that illustrates the beautiful diversity of gender. Come meet creators Boston Davis Bostian, Jay Mays, and Robin Mack and interact with their page illustrations with current content thus far, text-less layouts for a community editing process. ADD to the content of *the GENDER book*! The creators will also post the "Gender Identity Board Game!" along with a video documenting *the GENDER book's* process of "How Illustration Works" by resident artist Mel Reiff Hill. "Our hope," the creators state, "is to change the face of gender education in a way that is approachable, easy to understand, and even beautiful."

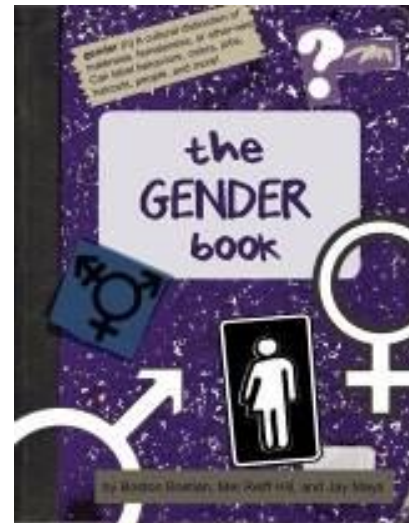
About *the GENDER book* Project

The project began when creators Boston Davis Bostian, Mel Reiff Hill, Jay Mays, and Robin Mack started to educate each other about what it means to live and express and perform one's gender. The more they learned, the more they wanted to share with everyone else.

Their solution: *the GENDER book*. A fun and colorful resource, and similar to educational children's books, *the GENDER book* illustrates the beautiful diversity of gender. It will be as pertinent and useful for someone in primary school as it will be for a senior citizen. Roughly 50 pages in length, it will contain hand-drawn graphics, lots of color, and will be readable in one sitting.

The project's 6-page "teaser," the GENDER book(let), has already begun to create a dialogue across disciplines and communities around the goal of education and social justice for gender minorities, providing a much-needed resource for guerrilla and formal educators alike across the country.

The GENDER book will: educate community members about gender concepts and concerns; make available a free and widely disseminated resource that lists additional comprehensive resources for further learning; confirm and spread awareness of a universal vocabulary around gender; clarify common misconceptions and misunderstandings in order to promote acceptance of gender diverse people; and alleviate societal oppression of gender minorities through education and tolerance-based learning.



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For more information on the GENDER book, please visit:

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thegenderbook.tumblr.com
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Admission:	Free
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