

Supporting us

The Conservatory of LGBT Archives and Memories grows day by day through the work of volunteers, their purchases and donations (from individuals and organizations). The Gay & Lesbian Academy receives no subsidies to this day.

You can help too:

Financial support

by credit card via PayPal (on our website)

Premises, furniture and filing

cabinets and in particular shelves (even used), archival boxes, supplies ... and **above all premises** to make our collections available to the public.

Donate documents

Do not throw anything away!

We collect any document relating to LGBT:

- of all kinds: books, newspapers, brochures, guides, catalogs, programs, posters, leaflets, flyers, press clippings, private archives, T-shirts ... ;
- in all their variety: including prostitution, SM, pornography (except of a pedophile nature);
- of any country;
- of any opinion: including documents anti-LGBT (homophobic leaflets, caricatures items ...).

Tell us your story

You were part of a former movement or association, you have known institutions now extinct, you had an remarkable life: give us your testimony (orally or in writing).

Talk about our work around you

Educate your friends to archives preservation.

Ask associations, institutions you attend, to send us their promotional documents (press kits, posters, leaflets, brochures ...).

Introduction

Since 1975, avid collectors have acquired and collected every day a multitude of documents of any kind on homosexuality, bisexuality and trans identity.

In 2000, they decided to band together to make their work last and open to the public their collections in a future archive center.

After a first year of existence, the **ACADÉMIE GAY & LESBIENNE** [Gay & Lesbian Academy] is registered at the Prefecture on 1, March 2001, as a non-profit organization.

Thereafter the Academie has created a structure to collect, preserve, maintain records, and collect new documents: the **CONSERVATOIRE DES ARCHIVES ET DES MÉMOIRES LGBT** [Conservatory of LGBT Archives and Memories].



Today our archive and documentation center has a collection of tens of thousands of documents on lesbians, gays, bis, trans and queers, including AIDS, sex and gender issues.

The Gay & Lesbian Academy has other related activities:

- the identification of archives and documentation centers in France;
- the establishment of specific documentation on the LGBT archives, libraries, documentation centers and museums in France and in the world;
- public information and awareness on archives and memory;
- documents sharing with other LGBT resource centers in France and abroad (Germany, Belgium, Canada, Spain, Netherlands ...).



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• **Catalog of our collections**

- LGBT press sorted by country and alphabetically
- Inventory of non-LGBT publications publishing on LGBT, gender, sex, sexuality and AIDS topics (with references and cover pages in reduced format)
- Keyword searchable database online (OPAC)

• **Scanned documents and documentation**

Issue No. 1 of the Akademos journal (1909), summary of issues of the Arcadie journal (1954 → 1982) ...

• **Overview** of resources centers and archives fonds in France, links to foreign resources



Our premises

Our center for archives and documentation is hosted temporarily, outside Paris, in a private house of about 300 m² (3,229 ft²).

This building allowed a long-lasting preservation of more and more voluminous documents. Regrettably we can't receive the public, for lack of real premises in the standards of security.

That is the reason why we insure, as far as our means, a remote service: supply of information, copies and digitalizations of documents; rerouting towards persons and resources places.

Since 2001, our requests to the City of Paris have been unsuccessful in obtaining premises that would allow the public to come and access the archives.



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▪ **Periodicals**

Newspapers, magazines, fanzines, newsletters ...

- **LGBT press** (since 1909)

over 1,700 French and foreign titles (including several complete collections)

- **General and specialized non LGBT press**, including science magazines (since 1932)

over 1,100 issues that have headlined on LGBT, gender, sex, sexuality and AIDS topics ...

▪ **Works**

- over 1,400 essays, memoirs, thematic books, reference books (encyclopedias, dictionaries, bibliographies ...)

- a thousand novels, stories, plays, poetry collections, comics ...

▪ **Archives of individuals and organizations**

Individuals: Christophe Danton (Arcat-sida, Collectif pour des états généraux de la lutte contre le sida, SoliDAires), Alain Huet (Agence Tasse, GLH – Groupes de Libération Homosexuelle), René-Max L. *alias* Markyz de Popincourt (Arcadie Flandres), Philippe Labbey - Cleews Vellay (2nd president of Act Up-Paris), Thierry Meyssan (Projet Ornicar, Maison des Homosexualités), Anne Singer (Festival International du Film VIH & sida de Paris, Résister-Vivre la Mémoire) / **Organizations:** Centre Gai et Lesbien de Paris, LusoGay, Présence – A.R.E.HO. (association post-Arcadie), Société Civile du Personnel du groupe Gai Pied, Les Sybarites, etc.

▪ **Guides, directories, maps, plans** (since 1970)

several hundred archived copies

▪ **Files and newspaper clippings** (over 37 years)

thematic, biographical, on the media, organizations, associations files ...

▪ **Various collections**

- **Calendars**

- **Documents events** (fairs, festivals, parties) including flyers (26 years of collection)

- **Advertising material** (catalogs, flyers)

▪ **Material for information and prevention services** (health, AIDS, human) including brochures

▪ **Graphical documentation**

- **Posters**

- **Pictures, drawings, paintings**

▪ **Sound collection** (records, CDs, audio K7)

▪ **Audiovisual collections** (K7 VHS, DVD) Fictions and non-fictions

▪ **Electronics documents**

▪ **Objects various**

Stickers, match boxes, bottles, packs of condoms, placards, pins, bags, T-shirts, tickets ...

