

Health & the Body

# December Newsletter



Science & Technology

Biographies & Memoirs

## Get a library account!

UW students, staff, and faculty are all eligible for borrowing privileges at the Q Center's library. Apply for an account on our website today!



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# Mya's Blog

Happy December and almost Winter Break, friends of the Q! On November 18th, Lexi Santiago, one of my co-workers here at the Q, opened up the Marsha P. Johnson Memorial Library. This library, now available for check out through our self-created classification system, is the first queer-focused collection on our campus.

There is much to be in awe of at the Q, the Marsha P. Johnson Library, our plethora of programs offered (like EnGender, Menstruation Station, and Sexplanations to name a few...), and it makes me so proud to be a part of a community so full of compassion, full of curiosity, and full of all things Queer!!

I am so grateful we have spaces that celebrate our individual identities, as well as the people who help inhibit them. Have a great end to the year!

Best,  
Nate and Mya

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*December Spins:*  
**Queer Music of 2024**

**Haley Heynderickx** - Gemini  
**Adrienne Lenker** - No Machine  
**Moses Sumney, ANOHNI** - Is It Cold In The Water?  
**sonhos tomam conta** - uma súplica  
**Clairo** - Echo  
**Billie Eilish** - CHIHIRO  
**Tyler, The Creator, Daniel Caesar, LaToiya Williams** - Take Your Mask Off

**serpentwithfeet, Orion Sun** - Ellipsis  
**Raveena, JPEGMAFIA** - Junebug  
**Alex Anwandter** - Perdido  
**Brittany Howard** - Red Flags  
**AKRILLA, Young Cister** - [www.hotxulito.com](http://www.hotxulito.com)  
**Doechii, JT** - Alter Ego  
**Kali Uchis, Karol G** - Labios Mordidos

**Amaarae** - jehovah witness  
**Arca, Tokischa** - Chama lulamoon - carnelian  
**venturing** - Sister  
**twikipedia** - garden  
**Mannequin Pussy** - Sometimes  
**Beyoncé, Miley Cyrus** - II MOST WANTED

The Q Center Presents

# A-Spec Discussion Group

Meetings at the Q Center  
(HUB 315)

**6:00–7:30 pm**

**Winter Meeting Dates:**  
1/22, 2/19, 3/19

Aces, Aros, and allies are all welcome for community, conversation, and support.

questions? access needs?  
email [asanti37@uw.edu](mailto:asanti37@uw.edu)



The Q Center presents a new

# COLORMODE

**Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**at the Q Center (HUB room 315)**

**Work-mode Study-mode. Creative-mode.**

We have space for the modes you want to engage.

Colormode is a low-stress space for queer people of color to connect and be among peers. Bring your work and class assignments, or unwind with our weekly creative activity. Snacks provided!

## **Winter Activity Offerings**

- |             |             |             |                      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| <b>1/16</b> | Puzzles     | <b>2/13</b> | Friendship Bracelets |
| <b>1/30</b> | Origami     | <b>2/27</b> | Mini Cross-Stitch    |
|             | <b>3/13</b> | Board Games |                      |

Questions? Email [asanti37@uw.edu](mailto:asanti37@uw.edu)

Welcome to the Q Center's

# Library

**Our one-of-a-kind queer library is officially  
OPEN!**

The UW Q Center's Marsha P. Johnson Memorial Library is a community library with over 1000 items. From classic literature to funky zines, we're bringing queer history, culture, and creativity to the UW community.



Scan this QR code to apply for a library account on our website and start your journey through a world of queer knowledge!

Questions? Contact the librarian at  
**[qcenterlibraryuw@gmail.com](mailto:qcenterlibraryuw@gmail.com)**

# MENSTRUATION STATION

**RE-EMPOWER BLEEDING.**

Scan to order your **FREE** reusable menstrual products!



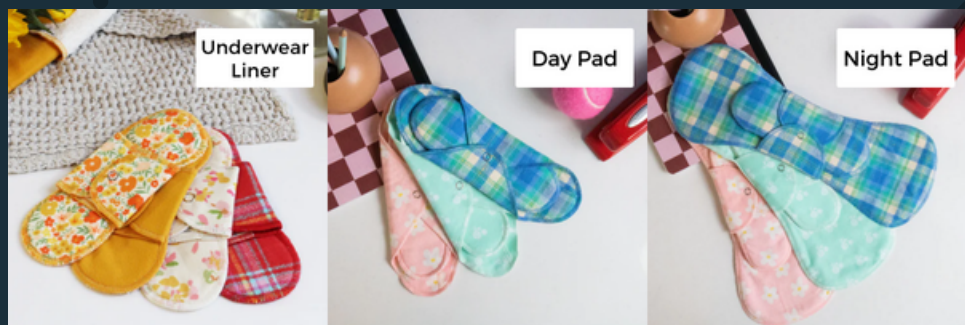
**WE PROVIDE: MENSTRUAL CUPS**



**Sizes: 0, 1, and disability accessible**

**REUSABLE PADS & LINERS**

**Organic cotton, offered in color and undyed**



**MENSTRUAL UNDERWEAR**

**Sizes: XXS-5X**

**Questions? [menstruationstationuw@gmail.com](mailto:menstruationstationuw@gmail.com)**



Check out our CHID Focus Group!

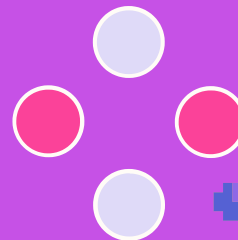
# GAMING AS QUEER EXPRESSION

IDENTITY, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

2 Credits

Day/Time/SLN are TBD

Stay tuned!



In this course, we will explore the representation of gender and queer identities in video games and their subsequent communities.

Topics include the portrayal of gender stereotypes, LGBTQ+ representation, character customization, narrative tropes, player agency and shaping identity in virtual worlds.

Any Questions?  
Contact  
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## Help the Q Center Make an Even Bigger Impact

Your voice matters! We're rolling out our start-of-the-year survey to hear from you, UW students, about how we can better serve your needs.

### Quick & Anonymous: Shaping the Future of the Q Center

This survey is **quick**, totally **anonymous**, and your responses will help shape future programming.

**Want to pitch in?** Click the survey link: **click me!**, and don't forget to share it with your friends. Bonus: you can optionally leave your name and email at the end (but don't worry, your answers stay separate and private).



### Questions?

Reach out to Joie at **[jwaxler@uw.edu](mailto:jwaxler@uw.edu)**

*Let's make this year amazing together!*



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## **TRANS LEGAL SURVIVAL GUIDE**

Given the upcoming administration's anti-trans track record, our community is preparing for increased political and legal attacks. Whether you're younger or older, single or married, parenting or not—and no matter how long you've been out as trans—it's worth taking the time for a legal "checkup." In the Trans Survival Guide, we outline steps that can help you protect yourself.

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TRANS EQUALITY

# Lalitha's Top Books of the Year

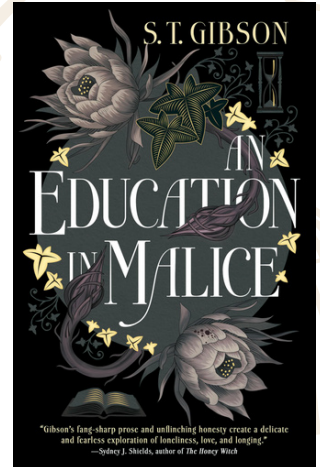
Hi! I'm Lalitha, the Graduate Program & Policy Education Coordinator at the Q Center. I love reading, especially queer and women-focused YA and adult fiction/fantasy. As the year wraps up, here are my top three 2025 book picks—complete with major content warnings (check full lists when exploring). Enjoy!

## *An Education in Malice* by S.T. Gibson

**Method:** I listened to this one. Audiobook available via Libby

**Content warnings:** Vampires, blood-letting/drinking, unequal power dynamics, sexual content

A sapphic, academic-rivals-to-lovers vampiric retelling of *Carmilla*, *An Education in Malice* feels like a cold, foggy day on a gothic campus, coffee in hand. Follow Laura as she confronts her reality, sanity, and self. Best enjoyed with a cozy blanket on a dreary day!

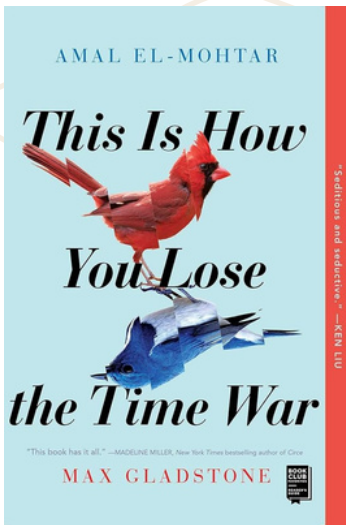


## *This is How You Lose the Time War* by Amal El-Mohtar and Max Gladstone

**Method:** I listened to this one! Audiobook available through libby

**Content warnings:** war and violence, depression/suicidality, animal killing, gore

I've read *This is How You Lose the Time War* three times, and it never gets old. This sapphic enemies-to-lovers, interstellar tale explores how being truly seen is key to being loved. With beautifully perplexing prose, it's perfect for lovers, haters, and everyone in between. Pair with caffeine—you'll need it to untangle the plot while your heart melts.



## *Minor Detail* by Adania Shibli, translated by Elisabeth Joquette

**Method:** I listened to this! Audiobook available on Libby

**Content warnings:** sexual assault, imperialism, colonialism, violence

This powerful, short read left me *speechless*. Shibli matter-of-factly examines the gendered realities of living under occupation through the story of a Palestinian woman investigating the assault and murder of another woman on her birthday years prior. I recommend the audiobook for its precise, gripping writing, immersing you in the tension, grief, and daily struggles of Palestinian women. Best paired with empathy and an open mind.

