

Community and Cultural Programs

Center on Halsted offers numerous events and programs for a broad spectrum of interests. Cultural performances, education classes, and recreation opportunities are just some of the ways we help strengthen our communities. To learn more about current offerings or suggest an event or program, please [contact culture@centeronhalsted.org](mailto:contactculture@centeronhalsted.org).

Culture

CHATS

Quarterly

In this program, we interview local LGBTQ leaders and allies as they discuss some of today's most pressing topics.

LGBTQ ARTISTS GALLERY

Every 6 Weeks | Friday 7 PM

Our 2nd and 3rd floor galleries exhibit works by LGBTQ artists.

LIMELIGHT

Quarterly

This series places local artists and arts organizations in the spotlight, giving individuals a closer look at Chicago's diverse arts community.

SPEED DATING

Spring & Autumn

Whether looking for the love of your life or new connections in the city, we create safe and inclusive spaces to meet other male-, female-, and queer-identified individuals.

Education

CYBER CENTER

Daily 8 AM–9 PM

The Dr. David J. Lochman Cyber Center provides technology training and internet access to the LGBTQ community.

GED PROGRAM

Tuesdays & Thursdays 12 PM

Our GED program helps students prepare to take the GED exam. Financial assistance for test fees and transportation is available. To register, please contact GED@centeronhalsted.org.

SILVER FORK

A nine-week culinary arts and job readiness program for LGBTQ adults and allies who are unemployed or underemployed. For more information, contact silverfork@centeronhalsted.org.

TRANSSAFE & TRANSWORKS

Mondays and Wednesdays 12 PM

In partnership with Chicago House, these programs provide resources for trans and gender non-conforming individuals through job readiness skill-building and peer support. Walk-ins welcome.

Recreation

BIKES AND MICS

Meetup times at bikesandmics.com

Bikes and Mics is a diverse community, committed to supporting a welcoming and fun environment for motorcycle riders of all genders, ethnicities, and experience levels. We ride our motorcycles around Chicago and beyond. No patches. No dues. Just fun.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

Mondays & Thursdays 6 PM

Play volleyball on one of three courts. All experience levels are welcome! Get a daily pass for \$7 (cash or credit at the door) or purchase a monthly pass for \$30 (community. centeronhalsted.org/volleyball).

YARN YARN

1st Saturdays

Knitting, crocheting, and craftivism. Bring your yarn project or a desire to start something. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Women

L LOUNGE

Last Wednesdays 6 PM

An informal, social space for Lesbians to come together for friendship and support.

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Men

GAY FATHERS OF GREATER CHICAGO

2nd Mondays 7:30 PM

A gathering of gay men who have children to discuss relevant issues in a confidential and supportive environment.

GAY MEN'S BOOK GROUP

3rd Tuesdays 7 PM

A monthly discussion group on gay-related literature, both fiction and non-fiction.

MORE FOR GAY MEN MOVIE NIGHT

2nd Fridays 6:15 PM

A monthly film screening, followed by an engaging discussion with group members.

Bi

BI DISCUSSION GROUP

4th Saturdays | 7 PM

A bi-weekly gathering to discuss upcoming events, express concerns, and answer each other's questions about the community.

BI MOVIE NIGHT

Bi-Weekly | Monday 7 PM

A bi-weekly screening of a film that addresses themes of bisexuality.

Queer

GENDERQUEER CHICAGO

Wednesdays 7 PM

A community space for individuals to talk about, think about, explore, and express gender.

Trans

COMMUNITY CAVE CHICAGO

Every Thursday 6:30 PM

CommunityCave Chicago is a peer led group for individuals that were Assigned/Designated Female at Birth (A/DFAB) AND ALSO who identify as as anything other than cisgender. We seek to provide a safer space for meeting, discussing, learning, collaborating, socializing, mentorship, and the building of community.

TQI LOUNGE

1st and 3rd Saturdays 4:30 PM

A relaxed social environment with discussions about gender, sexuality, life, and more for people who identify as trans, queer, or intersex.

T-FEM: TRANSFEMININE ALLIANCE CHICAGO

Every 1st & 3rd Tues. | 7-8:30pm

Transfeminine Alliance Chicago is a topic-driven, peer-led discussion group addressing transfeminine identity and experiences.

T-MAC: TRANSMASCULINE ALLIANCE CHICAGO

Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Friday (if applicable)

Transmasculine Alliance Chicago is a topic-driven, peer-led discussion group addressing transmasculine identity and experiences.

Intersex

INTERSEX CHICAGO

1st Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Casual conversation group for those who identify as intersex or think they might be. Family, friends, and allies are encouraged to attend.

Family

CHILD CENTER

Daily 8 AM–9PM

The Butler-VanderLinden Child Center on the second floor is a playroom with toys, books, and games.

GIRL SCOUTS

1st, 3rd, and 5th Mondays 6:15PM

A Center on Halsted sponsored troop that meets regularly throughout the school year.

PFLAG

3rd Sundays 2PM

A space for uniting LGBTQ people with family, friends, and allies through support, education, and advocacy.

PARENTS OF TRANS INDIVIDUALS

2nd Thursdays 7PM

A sub-chapter of PFLAG, this group meets to provide supportive conversation and education around parents of trans and gender non-conforming individuals.

STORY TIME WITH DRAG QUEENS

3rd Sundays 3-5pm

Join Muffy Fishbasket and her Good Time Galz as they each read a classic bedtime story to a room full of children.

FRACTURED FAIRY TALES: A FAMILY FRIENDLY DRAG SHOW

May 21, Aug. 20, & Nov. 19

3-5pm

Join Muffy Fishbasket and her Good Time Galz as they perform a traditional drag show, geared towards children.

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