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Reading the margins: Promoting queer, feminist and intersectional literature

Responding to community need, Queereads Montréal was developed to encourage and promote reading for pleasure of literature by and about marginalised peoples, focusing specifically on queer (LGBTQ2+), feminist, and intersectional authors and their works. As this is a community-based project, Queereads participants read and discuss books and magazines as well as digital and alternative media, while at the same time creating a safe space for an underserved part of the community. Organisers were able to gather and analyze participant feedback and modify the meetings and discussions accordingly. The objective of this presentation is to share the work of Queereads with others who are looking to engage with this segment of the population, share experiential findings and promote best practices for holding a community reading group.