

Drag Queen Story-Time Programming, 2019

Force, Fraud, and Coercion: It is clear that many parents have spoken out and explicitly expressed “no” to Drag Queen Story-Time and child grooming/programming. Yet, against their conscience, will, and consent, as well as against their parental authority and taxpayer-funded permission, the programming continues.

Based on available reporting, nonprofit chapter data, library programming records, and recurring monthly events since 2015, the estimated number is likely in the tens of thousands.

Some useful reference points:

- Drag Queen Story Hour reported having:
 - about 35 U.S. chapters by 2019
 - later expanding to 50+ official chapters by 2020
- Major media reports noted that drag story events had spread to libraries, schools, bookstores, museums, and community venues in “almost every state” by 2022–2023.
- Some chapters and libraries host events:
 - monthly
 - seasonally
 - during Pride events
 - at schools or festivals in addition to libraries

If you estimate conservatively:

- 50 chapters
- averaging even 1–2 events per month
- across roughly 8–10 years

This suggests somewhere around 5,000–12,000+ events nationally since 2015, and potentially more when including unofficial or independently organized drag story times not affiliated with the official nonprofit.

A precise total does not appear to exist publicly because:

- many events are independently organized,
- some are one-time local programs,
- libraries do not report them in a centralized database,
- and “drag story hour” can refer to several differently branded programs.

Since beginning in 2015, drag queen story hour–style events in the U.S. have likely occurred thousands of times, probably in the high thousands to low tens of thousands when counting official and unofficial events combined.

Source: <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/862721367>

Source: <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/organizations/822613408>

Source: <https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/awarded-grants/grants-database/drag-queen-story-hour-147106/>

Source: <https://www.stonewallfoundation.org/>