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1 Event explores LGBTQ+ representation from TV's past

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4 Bellows Falls Pride will be presenting a short collection  
5 of episodes of sitcoms from the '70s and '80s following with an  
6 open discussion on LGBTQ+ representation from the past to  
7 present day at the Rockingham Free Public Library Saturday, April  
8 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

9 While the LGBTQ+ community has always existed, it  
10 wasn't until the 1970s that there was much representation of the  
11 community in widespread public media.

12 Following the 1969 Stonewall Riots, viewers began to  
13 see a trickle of episodes of television shows that attempted, to  
14 varying degrees of success, to offer glimpses into the lives of the  
15 LGBTQ+ community.

16 Sitcoms have long been a way to normalize and offer the  
17 public heavier topics in a light and digestible way and the '70s  
18 and '80s were a golden area for creative and topical comedies.

19 All are invited to join Bellows Falls Pride in viewing a  
20 selection of sitcom episodes and to join the open discussion on  
21 the historical significant of the episodes and how they helped  
22 lead to representation today.

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