Lesbian
A woman whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction is to other women. Some lesbians may prefer to identify as gay or as gay women.

GAY
Adjective used to describe people whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attractions are to people of the same sex. Sometimes lesbian is the preferred term for women.

Bisexual
Romantic attraction or sexual attraction, toward both males and females, or to more than one sex or gender. It may also be defined as romantic or sexual attraction to people of any sex or gender identity.

Transgender
A broad adjective that applies to people who live their lives expressing a gender identity that differs from the sex and gender role they were assigned to at birth.

Queer
An umbrella term used to describe individuals who don’t identify as straight. Not identifying as cisgender. Not identifying as straight. Trans/GNC folx tend to use this as their identity.

Asexual
Describes a lack of sexual attraction. Some may experience romantic attraction. It exists on a spectrum with much diversity in individuals’ experiences.

Ally
An ally is any heterosexual (“straight”) person who opposes heterosexism and homophobia and supports LGBTQ individuals and causes.

Gender identity, What is Gender?
A person’s innermost concept of self as man, woman, a blend of both, or neither – how individuals perceive themselves and what they call themselves. Gender identity can be the same or different from one’s sex assigned at birth.

Transgender
As stated above, an adjective used to describe people whose gender identity, expression or behavior is different from those typically associated with their assigned gender.

Cisgender
A person whose gender identity and biological sex assigned at birth align (e.g., man and assigned male at birth). The word cisgender can also be shortened to “cis.”

Gender Fluid
A person whose gender identification and presentation shifts, both within or outside of societal, gender-based expectation.

Gender non-conforming (GNC)/ Non-binary
People who do not follow other people’s ideas or stereotypes about how they should look or act based on the female or male sex they were assigned at birth.

Intersex
is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive or sexual anatomy that doesn’t seem to fit the typical definitions of female or male.

Androgynous
An adjective used to describe a person identifying and/or presenting as neither distinguishably masculine nor feminine.

Resources:
https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms
https://pflag.org/glossary

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