



Press Release

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April Events at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

Salem, OR—Celebrate spring with a visit to the children's museum in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Our Friday drop-in program features the "pet of the week" for children to learn about the pets that people keep. Stay late on April 25 for our annual "TV Turnoff" event, where we'll have loads of activities and a opportunity to explore the museum at night.

The museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits in the sciences, arts and humanities make a perfect day-trip for families. We're open 361 days a year, M-Sat, 10 am-5pm; Sun, 12-5 pm. Admission is: ages 1-2, \$2.50; ages 3-59, \$5.50; ages 60+, \$4.00; members, FREE; public assistance, \$2.50.

THIS MONTH EVENTS

Animal Friends: Pet Care and Crafts
Fridays, April 4 – May 16, 2 – 4 p.m.

Do your kids beg for a pet—ANY pet? Bring them to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village for Friday drop-in sessions to learn more about pets. In partnership with the Willamette Humane Society, this program gives children the opportunity to see live animals and learn about pet care and adoption. Featured pets include: dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, fish, amphibians, and reptiles. A full schedule is available on the museum website. This program is free with regular museum admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

TV Turnoff Day at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village
April 25, 3 – 7 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village invites you to turn off your TV and plug into a special evening of kid-friendly activities plus a chance to explore the museum at night. Extended hours give families extra time to explore our 15 interactive exhibits. Crafts, sing-alongs, science experiments, and a special story time featuring an appearance by Arthur complete the night. All activities are free with regular museum admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

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CLASS & WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Kid's Discovery Class: Paint a Rainbow en Español

Four-week series begins April 2.

Wednesdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Research shows that early exposure to another language increases the possibility of second language acquisition and teaches openness to other cultures. In this series, children will explore fun painting techniques with mud, pudding on cookies, and sidewalk chalk, acquiring basic words and phrases in Spanish as they play. Adult is required to stay. Ages 2-6. \$35 members/\$45 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Kid's Discovery Class: Preschool Science Studio

Eight-week series begins April 3.

Thursdays, 10 – 11 a.m.

Curiosity means actively exploring your environment, asking questions, investigating possibilities, and possessing a sense of both wonder and doubt. In this series, children will experiment with color, paper tricks, balloons, and flight activities while building their curiosity about their world and how it works. Ages 3-6. \$55 members/\$65 nonmembers.

Kid's Discovery Workshop: Extreme Chemistry: Metamorphic Conundrums

Two sessions of the same workshop:

Friday, April 4, 1 – 3 p.m. OR Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

From the icky and slimy to the fascinating and frozen, this workshop experiments with the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. Children will learn about the changing states of matter with freezing, dripping, bubbling, boiling, bouncing, and oozing science fun.

Ages 6 and up. \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Kid's Discovery Workshop: Mother's Day Workshop

Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

No one deserves a special treat more than Mom, well, maybe Grandma too. Projects include a "bun warmer", hanging wall pocket, or beautiful clay treasure box, gifts that your child will be proud to give and loved ones will be thrilled to receive. Children will also create a unique Mother's Day card. Projects will be picked up at a later date, prior to Mother's Day. Ages 5 and up. \$10 members/\$15 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

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Kid's Discovery Workshop: Harry Potter: Magic or Science?

Saturday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Welcome to the Village's version of Hogwarts' School of Science! Students will explore the mysteries behind the magic of Harry Potter and his friends, read excerpts from the stories, and compare the magical way to the scientific way. Children will experiment with and learn about aerodynamics, genetics, optical illusions, and more. Class ends with a take-home activity to continue the exploration. Ages 8 and up. \$10 member/\$15 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a private nonprofit children's museum located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Founded in 1989, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village provides innovative and stimulating educational experiences that spark children's natural curiosity. The Village's mission is to provoke curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.

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