



Press Release

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

Salem, OR—For the shortest month in the year, we have a lot happening at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village. February 16-17, we'll be hosting the first ever showcase of A.C. Gilbert Toy Collectors. With history talks, presentations and networking opportunities for classic toy enthusiasts, this event also provides games and activities for youth, including an Erector Set building contest. For two days Pacific Region collectors from the A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society will display their collections, giving locals a chance to learn more about the Salem inventor famous for the Erector Set, Mysto Magic, and American Flyer trains. More details are below.

If you're not already familiar with us, our hands-on children's museum in Salem's Riverfront Park features three historic houses brimming with interactive exhibits, including the River Room (all about the Willamette River), the Frozen Shadows Room, A Child's Trip to China, and much more. Best suited for ages 2-12, the Village also has a toddler room for visitors under two. The Outdoor Discovery Center has 20,000 square feet of fun with three slides, the world's largest Erector Set tower and maze, and picnic areas. M-Sat, 10 am-5pm; Sun, 12-5 pm. Age 1-2, \$2.50; Age 3-59, \$5.50; Age 60+, \$4.00; Members, FREE; Public Assistance, \$2.50. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Upcoming Events:

Museum Touch Cart Demonstrations

Saturdays in February, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturdays at the children's museum come alive with touch carts that enhance the hands-on learning of our exhibits. Featured exhibits: A Child's Trip to China, Dinostories, the River Room, Body Basics, and the Recycling Theater. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

A.C. Gilbert Toy Collector's Showcase

February 16-17, 12 – 4 p.m.

Join us for a celebration of the birthday of our museum namesake with cake and a showcase of his toy inventions. Featured events include an exhibition of Gilbert toys from the Pacific Region collectors of the National A.C. Gilbert Heritage Society along with presentations and history talks for collectors and enthusiasts. Children's activities include magic tricks, balloon animals, Erector Set building contests, and toy making crafts. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's

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Sizzling Science Day

February 18, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The children's museum will sizzle with bottle rockets, explosions, and tons of hands-on experiments for young scientists. Interactive activities range from "bubbl-ology" to marble car races. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Science Showcase

February 18, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

As part of Sizzling Science Day at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, participants will demonstrate projects in science, technology, math, and engineering in this non-competitive exhibition. To participate, contact the Education Department at 503-371-3631. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301.

Leaping Fun on Leap Day

February 29, 1 – 4:30 p.m.

Hop over to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village for children's games and activities that highlight this special day. Anyone born on February 29 receives free admission. 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, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.

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