



# Press Release

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## From Our Village to Yours: Children's Museum Invites Albany Residents to Visit Free

Salem, OR—This may be our largest group invite ever! A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, the children's museum in Salem, invites the entire city of Albany to visit free on Saturday, September 29.

Pack up the family and take the short 25-mile drive to downtown Salem's Riverfront Park where you'll find our three historic houses overflowing with exhibits in the sciences, arts and humanities. While the Village is designed for ages two to 12, the entire family will enjoy our indoor exhibits and outdoor activity area that includes picnic tables, a 20,000-square-foot playground and the world's largest Erector Set tower and maze.

If you haven't been to the Village in a while, you'll want to check out our newest exhibits, including *Recollections*, an interactive photography installation that explores color and movement. If you've never been, permanent exhibits including the *Bubble Room*, the *Toy Inventor's Workshop* and the *Undersea Cave of Frozen Shadow Room* await you.

"Most people don't know what's so special about A.C. Gilbert and why he has a museum named after him," explains Stephanie Lenox, promotions director at the museum. Gilbert was a native Oregonian, born in Salem in 1884, who later invented the Erector Set, redesigned and popularized American Flyer trains, created the Mysto Magic company, earned a PhD from Yale University, set the world record in pole vaulting and built an entire career on the idea that

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“playing is essential to learning.” The Village honors its namesake by providing educational exhibits and interactive learning opportunities for children to explore the world in a safe and welcoming environment, says Lenox.

To receive free admission, you must show proof that you live in Albany, so bring something addressed to you or show your driver’s license at the gate to receive admission for you and your family. More free community days will be coming soon, so keep watching. The Village will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or directions, please call 503-371-3631 or go to [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

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