



Press Release

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

YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

Through May 2009

Located at the children's museum in downtown Salem, The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a place rich with child-centered activities for ages 3-5 where teachers nurture curiosity and the desire to learn. Go to www.acgilbert.org for registration fees, schedules, and more information about the big ideas that make the Preschool a unique learning environment for your preschooler. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

Foster Family Fridays

Through May 2009

Foster Family Fridays provides free fun, educational workshops for children ages 5-12, both biological and foster, who live in foster families. This program will be offered throughout the school year on Fridays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., starting in September. Call to register. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

National Grandparent's Day

Sunday, September 7

12 – 5 p.m.

All grandparents receive free admission to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village with one paid child admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

BU\$INE\$\$ KIDS Awards Ceremony

Saturday, September 13

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In June, the BU\$INE\$\$ KIDS were given \$20 each to start a summer business. Find out who earned the most for the museum and who will be walking away with one of several cool prizes. Celebrate success with the BU\$INE\$\$ KIDS and hear first-hand what they learned from their

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Annual Homeschool Event

Friday, September 19

3 – 7 p.m.

Network with other local homeschoolers and learn how the Village can help you meet your educational goals. Events include mini-classes, demonstrations, vendors, "Parent as Teachers" workshops, resource discussions and pre-registration for workshops designed specifically with the homeschool family in mind. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers (children 4 and under free); max of \$20 per family. Parents of homeschool children, free. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

Free Community Day for Albany Residents

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Albany residents are invited for a special day with free admission to the children's museum, located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. The entire family will enjoy our indoor exhibits and outdoor discovery area that includes picnic tables, a 20,000-square-foot playground and the world's largest Erector Set tower and maze. To receive free admission, show driver's license or piece of mail with an Albany address. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Wiggle Worms: Drop-In Music & Movement Program

Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

September 9 – 30

Bring your wiggle worm to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village for songs, rhymes and chants as we explore music and movement. Children ages 18 months to 3 years will delight in the feathers, scarves, puppets and instruments used to heighten the learning experience. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

Story Time at the Village

Thursdays, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

September 11 – 25

In September Salem's museum for kids comes alive with stories. Join us for story time in a quiet corner of the museum and finish with a craft related to the story. Perfect for ages 2-6, toddlers

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CLASSES

Homeschool Happenings: First Lego League
Wednesdays, 12:30 – 2 p.m.
September 24 – December 3

Be a part of the Village's First Lego League that challenges kids to think like scientists and engineers. The teams will receive a challenge, work together and participate in an exciting tournament experience. Ages 9-14. \$85 members/\$105 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

ABOUT A.C.GILBERT'S DISCOVERY VILLAGE: 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.

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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