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A.C. Gilbert's Scores with Parents

June 16, 2009, Salem, OR— A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village has always been a favorite among kids. But now, parents are catching on.

The children's museum has recently been named one of the best local places in the Portland area by Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks. From May 5, 2009, to July 15, 2009, parents voted online for their favorite local places.

Nominees were chosen based on parent reviews and ratings. With stiff competition in the museum category, including the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) and the Portland Children's Museum, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is excited to walk away with the award.

The children's museum also received the Nickelodeon's Parents' Picks award for Best Day Camp. The summer camp season concludes this week with over 400 enrollments in 35 day camps that emphasize science, art and the humanities for youths ages 3 and up.

These two accolades add to a growing list of awards, including the "Best Place to take the Kids" from the *Statesman Journal's* Best of the Mid-Valley Contest and the "Best Kids' Entertainment" from *Salem Monthly's* Mid-Valley's Best Readers Choice Award.

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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

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curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning and enable understanding in all youth.

Open 361 days a year: Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, noon – 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5.75 (Ages 3-59); \$4.25 (Ages 60+); \$2.75 (Public assistance, ages 1-2); FREE for members.

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