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## **Museum Expands Entryway for Better Access and Safety**

**September 2, 2009, Salem, Oregon**—Over 80,000 visitors pass through the gates at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village each year. Changes this week to the museum's main kiosk will make the entryway more welcoming, efficient and secure for all who visit.

"I think it's going to be more inviting [and] safer," said Assistant Director Kim Baldwin, who designed the changes to the kiosk. Not only will the new kiosk function as a full-service information station for visitors, it will add security to the museum with higher gates and panic bars that will prevent young children from being able to leave the museum grounds without an adult, said Baldwin.

The kiosk will be enclosed to create a larger workspace for staff. Windows will be installed facing both the parking lot and the museum grounds to provide greater visibility. Visitors will enter at the left side of the kiosk through gates that will guide them into the museum store.

"It will make our visitors feel a little more welcome," said frontline staff member Cassie Tolle, who spent the majority of her summer work hours in the closet-sized kiosk. She is looking forward to the increase in space and added protection from the elements.

The contractor for the kiosk renovation project is 3R Construction. Changes to the kiosk are made possible by a grant through the City of Salem's Transient Occupancy Tax Funds. During construction, the museum store will handle all admissions for the museum. The

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renovations are expected to be completed September 9. The kiosk will remain open weekends, no-school days and during special events throughout the school year.

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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 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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