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Downtown Salem's Spring Break Passport to Fun Launches March 27

Salem, Ore. – Seven downtown locations have joined together to create “Spring Break Passport to Fun”, which offers activities for the family during spring break week, March 27 to April 1. The Oregon State Capitol, State Capitol State Park, Willamette Heritage Center, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, World Beat Gallery, Deepwood Museum, and the City of Salem Library have teamed up to offer families a fun and free, or discounted, way to fill the week off school with activities.

The passport is free and available to download [here](#). Passport stamps will be given at each location after the activity listed is completed. After stamps have been gathered, children can enter to win one of three prize baskets. The presenting sponsor for this annual event is the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a 501 (c)3 nonprofit organization.

The **Oregon State Capitol** and **State Capitol State Park** are asking participants to explore the park and find the year that Oregon became a state on one of the tiles cemented into the Capitol Mall. Once found, use a pencil to create a rubbing of the date on your passport! Learn more about the state with the additional tiles inset throughout the park.

The **Deepwood Museum** (1116 Mission Street, SE) is offering guided tours (approx. 45 minutes) Wednesday through Saturday at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Reservations are required, please call 503-363-1825 or email melanie@deepwoodmuseum.org. With your passport you will get reduced adult admission of \$5 and up to three children accompanying a paid adult for FREE. A scavenger hunt is available during the tours and each child gets a prize once completed. If you are only coming to get your passport stamped, please visit us Wednesday through Saturday between 1 to 2 p.m. The parking lot is located on 12th and Lee Street. Gardens are open from sunrise to sunset.

The **Willamette Heritage Center** (WHC) (1313 Mills Street, SE) is offering passport stamps, free scavenger hunts around the museum grounds, and activity sheets at the Orientation Center. They are also offering a FREE take-home activity located in our Little Free Library. Other Spring Break programming at WHC:

- Monday, March 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Low-Sensory Inclusive Outreach Day: This event is for individuals with special needs, families, and support staff. The museum will be open for self-exploration and will feature a couple quiet activities in the WHC classroom. Admission for attendees is \$10/ adult, \$8/ senior, and \$5/ youth (6-17). One accompanying family members or support staff receives free admission. For one day only – attendees to this event will receive a FREE, one-year household membership (\$70 value) with the purchase of admission.
- Wednesday, March 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spring Break Family Day: This event is for individuals with special needs, families, and support staff. The museum will be open for self-exploration and will feature a couple quiet activities in the WHC classroom. Admission for attendees is \$10/ adult, \$8/ senior, and \$5/ youth (6-17). One accompanying family members or support staff receives free admission. For one day only – attendees to this event will receive a FREE, one-year household membership (\$70 value) with the purchase of admission.
- Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junior Archaeology Day: This FREE event will feature activities for children and their families interested in archaeology. Learn how archaeologists excavate a site, study artifacts, and learn about peoples of the past.

Hallie Ford Museum of Art (HFMA) (700 State Street) is offering “The Hunt is On,” a guide that provides clues to find and learn more about the amazing artwork in the Hallie Ford Museum collection. The guide can be picked up at the front desk. Choose a prize when you complete the hunt. If you have your passport in hand, the HFMA is also offering FREE museum admission during Spring Break week. New hours are Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m.

The **World Beat Gallery** (Pringle Plaza, 390 Liberty Street, SE) The World Beat Gallery is showcasing its newest FREE exhibit, “Explore Spain's Cultural Legacy! ¡Explora el legado cultural de España!” World Beat Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m.

The **City of Salem Library** (585 Liberty Street, SE) is offering different programming all week long:

Children Events

- 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 28th

"Let's Play Library" Bluey Party: Wackadoooo! It's a Bluey Party! Join us for crafts and activities related to the popular character, Bluey!

- 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 29th

Matt Baker Comedy and Stunts Family Performance: Matt Baker is a three-time Guinness World Record Holder and has been featured on America's Got Talent, the Late Late Show with James Corden and the Travel Channel. He weaves family friendly comedy together with unusual stunts like escaping handcuffs and catching a bowling ball on his face. A unique show that rivals no other.

- 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, March 29th

Gardening Crafts for Kids: Welcome Spring! Elementary aged kids are invited to get their hands dirty planting seeds and creating garden art.

- 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday, April 1st

Family Storytime: Children of all ages bring, your grownup and join us for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and movement.

- 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 1st

Lego Party: Kids with their grown-ups are invited for an hour of unstructured Lego play at the library. Legos are provided. Bring your imagination! No sign-ups are necessary.

- March 28th – April 1st

Library Scavenger Hunt: Kids are invited to embark on a library adventure and explore what the library has to offer. Pick up a copy of the scavenger hunt at the Ask Here desk in the children's corner, complete the questions, and return your responses to the Children's Corner desk on floor 2 for a prize.

Teen Events

- 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28th

Crochet & Slay for Teens: Crocheters, knitters, and fiber artists of all types are invited to bring a work in progress to this free, drop-in evening of random conversation and creation. Need a project? We'll have some yarn, crochet hooks, knitting needles, and simple patterns available to get you started.

- 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 29th

Jackbox Games for Teens: Join us in the Teen Scene Room or online for a hybrid Jackbox gaming event! We have Party Packs 2-8 and just bought Party Pack 9, so there

are many games to choose from, including favorites like Fibbage, Quiplash, Split the Room, and Job Job. Each game starts with a tutorial and are easy to learn. Players in person will need to bring or borrow a phone, tablet, or computer to be their controller. Players who join on Zoom will need a second screen (phone or split screen). Advance signup is recommended for all players and required to play from home. Zoom access information will be sent by email the day before the event.

- 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 30th

Teen Improv Workshop: Middle and high school-aged youth are invited to learn the ins and outs and hilarious twists of improvisation from instructor from The Infinity Room. Two hours of workshop will end with a short, public performance from 4:30-5 p.m. Space is limited. Advance signup in needed.

- 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, March 31st

Teen Maker Friday: Explore the Teen Scene 3D printer by creating small builds in Tinkercad or choose from a selection of maker kits during this drop-in session. Free and open to middle and high school-aged youth.

For more information about the Passport to Fun please visit the Facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1161124044604570> . Phone numbers, location hours and addresses are also printed on the passport, which can be downloaded at <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/capitolhistorygateway/EventDocuments/Passport%20to%20Fun%20Spring%20Break%202023.pdf> .

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