

Field trips at the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins

For nearly 45 years, the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins has provided educational activities for kids, who get to visit a stunning Victorian home located in the heart of Old Lévis. It's a unique experience, and perfect for a social studies field trip! A visit can introduce students to the cooperative movement and history as a whole. They'll learn about Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins, visionaries whose work led to their designation as National Historic Persons of Canada.

- Activities are free (and available in English upon request)
- Booking available to reserve a room for lunch or to pair up your trip with a joint activity with one of our partners
- [Transportation costs can be covered by financial assistance for educational cultural workshops](#)



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Free in-person activities



Activity: **Travel Back in Time**

Grade: Early childhood and preschool (ages 4 to 6) [More info](#)
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Duration: **60 minutes**



Activity: **Storytime**

Grade: Grades 1 and 2 [More info](#)
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Duration: **75 minutes**



Activity: **All About Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins**

Grade: Grades 3 and 4 [More info](#)
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Duration: **75 minutes**



Activity: **Once Upon a Time in 1900**

Grade: Grades 5 and 6 [More info](#)
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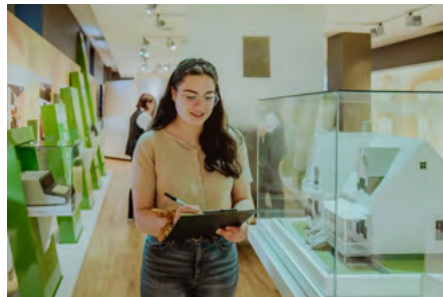
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Activity: **Ingenuity at the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins**

Grade: Grades 5 and 6 [More info](#)
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Duration: **75 minutes**



Activity: **Secret message challenge**

Grade: Grades 9 to 11 [More info](#)
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Duration: **60 minutes**

Free virtual activities



Activity: **Virtual Tour of the Desjardins Home**

Grade: Grades 1 to 4 [More info](#)
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Duration: **60 minutes**



Activity: **Solve the Mystery**

Grade: Grades 5 and 6 [More info](#)
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Duration: **60 minutes**

Travel Back in Time



Early childhood and preschool (ages 4 to 6)

Travel back in time to 1906 to learn and have fun! During their visit, kids can:

- Go on a scavenger hunt for 100-year-old artifacts in this Victorian home
- Dress up in period clothing

 **Duration:** 60 minutes

 **Location:** Maison Alphonse-Desjardins 6 Rue du Mont-Marie, Lévis


Storytime



Grades 1 and 2

Come experience storytime like never before! Kids can:

- Recreate the story of Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins
- Experience what life was like in the early 20th century
- Dress up in period clothing to get in character

 **Social studies skills:** Create a representation of space, time and society

 **Duration:** 75 minutes + 30 minutes (optional pre-activity)

 **Location:** Maison Alphonse-Desjardins 6 Rue du Mont-Marie, Lévis


All About Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins



Grades 3 and 4

Discover the story of Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins. Kids can:

- Retrace the lives of Alphonse and Dorimène with our illustrated timeline
- Go on a scavenger hunt for 100-year-old artifacts in this Victorian home
- Dress up in period clothing to get in character

 **Social studies skills:** Understand the organization of a society and Interpret changes in a society

 **Duration:** 75 minutes + 30 minutes (optional pre-activity)

 **Location:** Maison Alphonse-Desjardins 6 Rue du Mont-Marie, Lévis

Once Upon a Time in 1900



Grades 5 and 6

Travel back to the early 20th century and meet a couple whose commitment to cooperation changed their lives, and the lives of their fellow Canadians! Kids can:

- Immerse themselves into the world of Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins
- Learn about the harsh living conditions French Canadians faced at the turn of the 20th century with our permanent exhibition
- Imagine the struggles of regular people at the time, whether they lived in the city or the countryside, with our «Game of Fate»

 **Social studies skills:** Understand the organization of a society and Interpret changes in a society

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Ingenuity at the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins



Grades 5 and 6

This activity, developed in collaboration with the Bunker de la Science in Lévis, lets kids experience history and science at the same time. Kids can:

- Discover the science behind simple machines, and how ingenious inventions made life at home easier
- Learn about Victorian photography, a luxury that few people at the time could afford! Each student will get to keep their photo as a souvenir

 **Social studies and technology skills:** Recognize and describe simple machines and Demonstrate that chemical changes affect the properties of materials

 **Duration:** 75 minutes

 **Location:** Maison Alphonse-Desjardins 6 Rue du Mont-Marie, Lévis

Secret message challenge



Grades 9 to 11

Take on a cooperative challenge we've created in collaboration with Défi-Évasion! Kids can:

- Explore and try to solve puzzles
- Strengthen their cooperative skills
- Discover hidden archives and artifacts

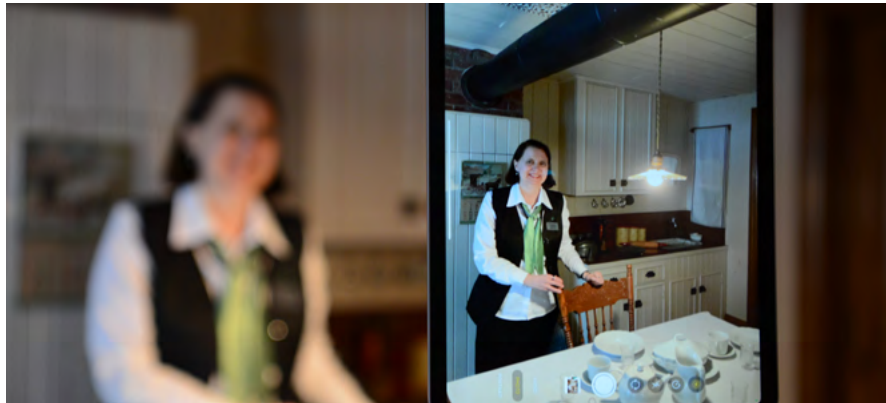
 **History and citizenship education skills:** Examine social phenomena from a historical perspective

 **Duration:** 60 minutes

 **Location:** Desjardins Building 59 Avenue Bégin, Lévis

Note: This activity can be paired with a visit to the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins.


Virtual Tour of the Desjardins Home



Grades 1 to 4

Travel back to 1906 and step into Alphonse and Dorimène's lovely home, all without leaving the classroom. With a tour guide along for the ride, your students can:

- Learn about the extraordinary path that Alphonse and Dorimène took
- Go on a scavenger hunt for 100-year-old artifacts in this Victorian home
- Experience what life was like in the early 20th century

 **Social studies skills:** Create a representation of space, time and society and Interpret changes in a society

 **Duration:** 60 minutes + 30 minutes (optional pre-activity)

 **Location:** In the classroom*

Solve the Mystery



Grades 5 and 6

Alphonse Desjardins has been invited to a soirée... but there's a mystery afoot. With the help of your guide, solve puzzles in each room of the historic home. In this scenario, students can:

- Discover the lives of Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins
- Explore what life was like in Quebec at the turn of the 20th century
- Learn what led to the founding of the first caisse

 **Social studies skills:** Interpret changes in a society

 **Duration:** 60 minutes + 30 minutes (optional pre-activity)

 **Location:** Location: In the classroom*