

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 French 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](#)



Watch this video to learn more about our essential activities.



Free in-person activities

Activity:	Travel Back in Time	
Grade:	Early childhood and preschool (ages 4 to 6)	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	60 minutes	



Activity:	Storytime	
Grade:	Grades 1 and 2	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	75 minutes	



Activity:	All About Alphonse and Dorimène Desjardins	
Grade:	Grades 3 and 4	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	75 minutes	



Activity:	Once Upon a Time in 1900	
Grade:	Grades 5 and 6	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	75 minutes	



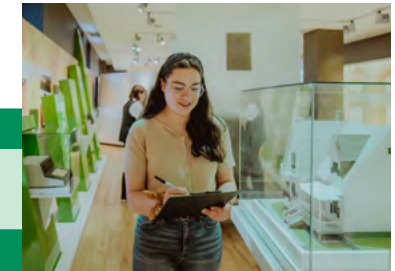
Activity:	Ingenuity at the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins	
Grade:	Grades 5 and 6	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	75 minutes	



Activity:	Conservation Challenge	
Grade:	Grades 1 to 6	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	75 minutes	



Activity:	Secret Message Challenge	
Grade:	Grades 9 to 11	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	60 minutes	



Free virtual activities

Activity:	Virtual Tour of the Desjardins Home	
Grade:	Grades 1 to 4	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	60 minutes	



Activity:	Solve the Mystery	
Grade:	Grades 5 and 6	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	60 minutes	



Activity:	Virtual Tour of the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins	
Grade:	Grades 7 to 11	More info ▶ Click here
Duration:	30 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 to get in character

 **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

Conservation Challenge



Grades 1 to 6

Conserving our heritage is a real challenge. During their visit, kids can:

- Learn about the "agents of deterioration," the mortal enemies of conservation efforts
- Explore the archives and artifacts that form the backbone of our collection
- Strengthen their cooperative skills by playing immersive games

 **Science and technology skills:** Demonstrate that chemical changes affect the properties of materials 

 **Duration:** 75 minutes

 **Location:** Desjardins Building, 59 Avenue Begin, 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

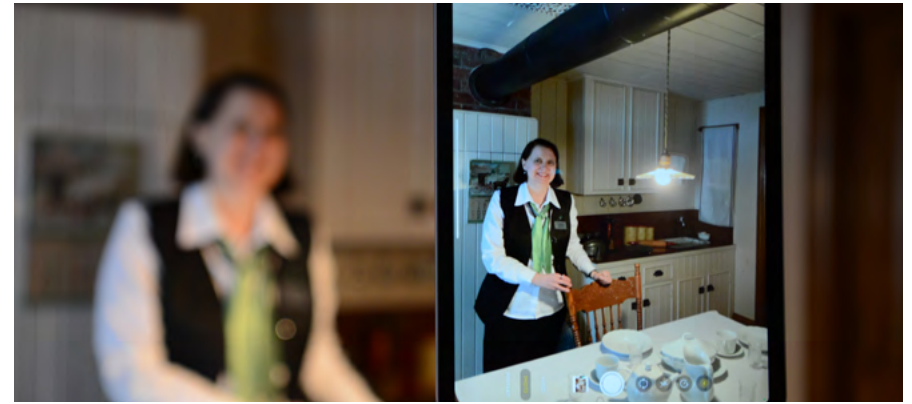
 **History and citizenship education skills:** Examine social phenomena from a historical perspective

 **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*

*Your virtual visit may be paired with a maximum of 2 other classes.

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:** In the classroom*

Virtual Tour of the Maison Alphonse-Desjardins



Grades 7 to 11

Learn about the customs of yesteryear and the founding of the first caisse when visiting this early 20th century house. With the help of your guide, students will enjoy an enriching experience as they:

- Explore the fascinating history of the founders of Desjardins Group
- See objects that belonged to the famous couple
- Learn about cooperation

 **Social universe skills:** Interpret social realities using the historical method

 **Duration:** 30 minutes

 **Location:** In the classroom*

*Your virtual visit may be paired with a maximum of 2 other classes.



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