

St. Louis County

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

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2025

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Friday, January 10

5:30 pm to 12:30 am

Films are at 5:30, 7:30, and 9:30

Minnesota's premier Nic Cage film festival, **Caged-In** is back for a third year! Cage fans will once again gather in The Depot Theatre for trivia, prizes, and more Nic Cage than anyone should reasonably consume in a single evening.

For the first time, the films have been chosen by you! There will be a cash bar and snacks available for purchase in the lobby provided by the Minnesota Ballet! It's going to be WILD!

Inspiring Fun! Now thru May at The Depot

Winter and spring are devoted to amazing educational, inspirational, artistic, & FUN events. We've got opera, gardening, fitness, music, model trains, robots, puzzles, and ballet, leading up to our big STEAM Festival in May. Don't miss a single thing. More info starting on page 2 and at [St. Louis County Depot](#).

*Educating, inspiring, & enriching the lives
of St. Louis County residents and visitors.*

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FAMILY FUN FOR EVERYONE!

The Duluth Public Library presents

Family Fest

Saturday, February 8

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Depot Great Hall

Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to this free play, learn, and resource fair! Enjoy stories, performances, and playtime and learn about community resources that support successful learning. Free parking in the lot next to The Depot.

Need a ride to the event? SK Taxi will provide free rides

to and from Family Fest! Call 218-221-1604 for more info. Event info at [Duluth Library](#).

Family Fest Activities:

- Free admission to the Railroad Museum
- Face Painting
- Drawings for Super One gift cards and other prizes
- Musical performances by Zeb or Zeke and the Run Away Screaming (One Man Band) and The Teddy Bear Band from 12:45-1:30 p.m. ...and much more!

LET'S MOVE

Free fitness fun for kids!

February 15

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Depot

FREE community event sponsored by Grandma's Marathon Young Athletes Foundation & The Depot.

Kids and their families had SO MUCH FUN at last year's **Let's Move!** From balance bikes, to baseball, to ballet, it was a great day of moving and motivation. In 2025 get moving, running, biking, dancing, kicking, bouncing, and batting once again—all inside The Depot, where it's warm and cozy. Minnesota Ballet, the Huskies, Junior Golf, SA Rookie Basketball, ESS Soccer, Ski Hut, and many more great community organizations will be providing fun and engaging activities that encourage healthy habits and year round physical activity. More info at [St. Louis County Depot](#).

**THE
DEPOT**



Minnesota Ballet presents

Harvest Moon

February 6-8 at 7:00 pm

February 9 at 3:00 pm

The Depot Theatre

Join Minnesota Ballet for our annual mixed repertoire performance which dance aficionados consider the highlight of our season. This year's program features the titular piece Harvest Moon -- the music of Glen Miller will get you in the mood as you follow the escapades of three WW2

servicemen on their last night out on the town before their deployment. The evening will be rounded out with original works by Minnesota Ballet company members.

To purchase tickets visit [Harvest Moon](#).



New Community Dance Camp!

February 17-23

Daily from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Introducing **Cipollino**, a new community dance program designed for children ages 8 and up, with any level of dance training. This engaging program invites all children to share the stage with the professional dancers of Minnesota Ballet, while bringing to life the story of a kingdom where laughter has been outlawed. Through dance and storytelling, Cipollino aims to inspire and entertain young audiences. Early drop off and late pickup available at an extra cost. For more details visit minnesotaballet.org or call 218.733.7570. Early drop-off and late pick-up available for an additional fee.



Be a part of the MN Ballet Academy!



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Minnesota Ballet Academy is currently enrolling returning and new students for their second semester that begins Tuesday, January 21st. Classes for ages 3 through adult are available. Find more information about Ballet, Jazz, Modern, and Tap classes, as well as performance opportunities on our website at [Minnesota Ballet Dance Academy](#).



Lyric Opera of the North presents

The Radio Hour

Friday, January 24 at 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 26 at 3:00 PM

The Depot Theatre

Reserved Seating \$42, \$32

Students \$12

Composed by Jake Heggie

Libretto by Gene Scheer

In 40 minutes and three parts, this choral opera tells the story of Nora, a woman having a very bad day. She seeks solace by locking herself inside her apartment and turning on the radio. The chorus represents the inner monologue of her life and the imaginative possibilities that await her.

Sung in English, with English supertitles projected above the stage. Visit [LOON Opera](http://LOONOpera.com) for more info.



It's all that JAZZ at The Depot!

Starting this Saturday, January 4th and then every Saturday until the end of April.

3:00 to 6:00 pm

Lake Superior Railroad Museum

Admission is \$7 (Free for LSRM members)

Take the A Train to JAZZ at the Depot. The most popular music event of the year returns to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum in the St. Louis County Depot. JAZZ at the Depot takes place on Saturday afternoon trackside in the railroad museum. Featuring the quartet of Randy Lee, Paul Iereno, Jerry Siproth and John Thorene, with a chart spanning the full gamut of jazz from the Big Band Era to contemporary. Hear about the artists and composers who made the music and relax in the perfect surroundings of trains and good friends. Of course there's always a train story from LSRM Executive Director Ken Buehler because, *if you work it hard enough, it all comes back to the railroad.*

There will be a full bar, Chicago Style gourmet hotdogs, popcorn, snacks, soft drinks and a weekly special. Admission is just \$7 but is free for Railroad Museum members. Memberships start as low as \$50.

This is a unique, family friendly musical experience. JAZZ at the Depot is sponsored by Krenzen Auto Mall and Midwest Communications. More event info at Duluthtrains.com.





The DSSO Presents music of Erich Wolfgang Korngold and Jonathan Leshnoff

February 12 at 7:30 pm

The Depot Theatre

*Making
Beautiful
Music:
DSSO at
The Depot*

The Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra will present an evening of chamber music by Erich Wolfgang Korngold and Jonathan Leshnoff, featuring members of the Duluth Superior Symphony and baritone Andy Wilkowske. Music includes Korngold's Piano Quintet, Leshnoff's trio for Violin, Horn, and Piano, and art songs by both composers.

General admission tickets are \$15 and will be available for purchase at dssso.com after January 15.

Façade, an Entertainment

March 15 at 7:30 pm

The Depot Theatre

The Duluth Superior Symphony Orchestra will present an extraordinary evening of chamber music and poetry by Sir William Walton and Dame Edith Sitwell. Members of the Duluth Superior Symphony will be joined by local legends, Vicky Fingalson and Calland Metts, in a performance of Façade, an Entertainment. This rarely performed work features a chamber ensemble of diverse instruments and the recitation of poetry in rhythm—a sort of pre-rap if you will. A review of the premiere in 1923 stated; "The audience was at first inclined to treat the whole thing as an absurd joke, but there is always a surprisingly serious element in Miss Sitwell's poetry and Mr. Walton's music ... which soon induced the audience to listen with breathless attention." Join us in breathless attention!

General admission tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase at dssso.com after January 15.

More info coming soon:

The DSSO Presents The Highland String Quartet featuring music by Prokofiev, Sigfried Seyfried, and Robert Schumann

Watch dssso.com and future newsletters for more details.

These programs are made possible through a grant from The Depot Foundation.



Save the Date



Free-mo Model trains

April 5-6

Visit [Minnesota Free-mo](#)

Model trains on display in the Great Hall. Admission is free. All ages welcome. Sponsored by the LSRM. FREE event.



Duluth Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

Friday & Saturday, May 2-3

[Minnesota Jigsaw Puzzle Association](#)

St. Louis County Extension and The Depot present a day of breakout gardening workshops and speakers. Attendees will be able to choose from workshops with a wide range of topics, presented by Extension educators and local experts.

Spring Gardening

Extravaganza

March 29 at 9 am

The Depot

Visit [SLC Extension](#)



Explore Festival

April 26

Visit [High Tech Kids](#)



First Lego League teams will be competing at The Depot. The public is welcome to observe the robot demonstrations at designated times (TBA.) Come check these very cool robots made by very cool kids! FREE demonstrations.

In the final performance of Minnesota Ballet's 60th season, Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers encounter passion and tragedy. Music composed by Sergei Prokofiev.

Romeo and Juliet

April 10, 11, & 12 at 7:00 pm and April 13 at 3:00 pm

The Depot Theatre

Visit [Minnesota Ballet](#)

The Depot STEAM Festival, Saturday May 17

FREE event for kids in grades K-5 & their families

More info at [The Depot](#).

Fun and engaging hands-on experiments, exhibits, and interactive activities from amazing organizations, with a focus on science, technology, engineering, art, music, & math.



Duluth's premiere puzzling event is back! Puzzlers can puzzle, swap, and socialize for FREE on Friday. There are four speed contests to choose from on Saturday. All ages welcome.



Marketplace Magic!

The 4th annual Great Hall Marketplace was the place to be for all your last minute holiday shopping this December! Thousands of Depot visitors were treated to festive choir music, delicious tastes and smells, and a wealth of beautiful artisan goods throughout the building. Even Santa couldn't resist making a visit to The Depot—and taking time to say hi to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum's own holiday elf, Ken Buehler, as well as countless happy kiddos and excited kids-at-heart!

A special thank you to the East Key Club, Youth in Action, Shelly Vanneste, Matthew Rush, and Matt Oman and his team for volunteering at GHM. You are much appreciated!

RECURRING & ONGOING PROGRAMS & EXHIBITS



EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
12PM-3PM

THE DEPOT ROTUNDA

EVENT COST: FREE
Please arrive before 2:30pm to register in person. Limit 2 items per person.



DEPOT HISTORY
for kids

with History Hailey

Check out all of Hailey's videos at [History Hailey](https://www.historyhailey.com).

The latest Attracted to Duluth episode

Boubville: A Festival of (B)light

This time on Attracted to Duluth, Hailey and Caroline are joined by Boubville representatives Annmarie Geniusz and Daniel Benoit. Located in Duluth's central hillside neighborhood, this immersive DIY holiday event flips everything you think you know about a Duluth Christmas event on its head! With art installations, music, and smoked turkey legs, this three night long event is a spectacle you won't want to miss.

Streaming wherever you get your podcasts or [here](#).

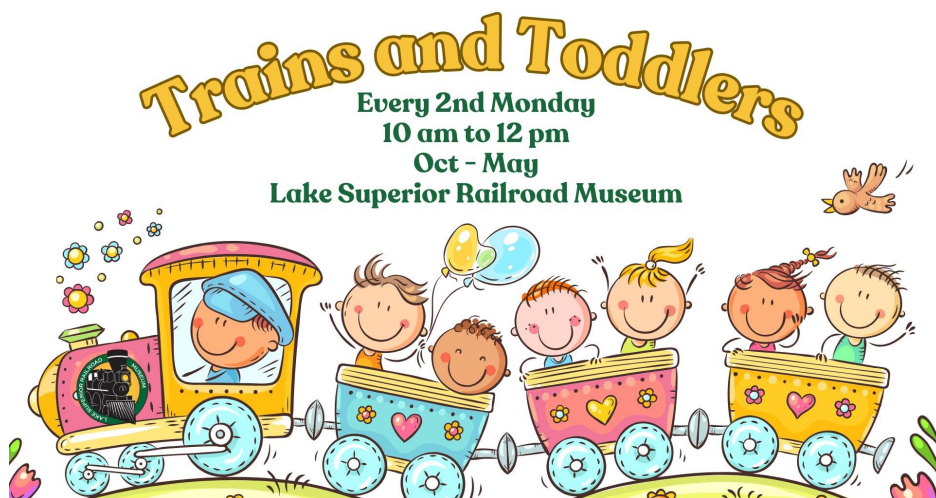
Trains and Toddlers

Every 2nd Monday, October-May
10 am to 12 pm

Lake Superior Railroad Museum

Story time and a craft or museum activity Monday mornings through May!

More info at duluthtrains.com.



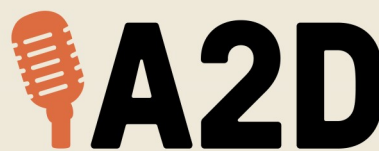
Antique Appraisal

Wednesday, January 15 from 12 to 3 pm

Future dates: February 19, March 19, April 16

Bring your antique/collectible item to The Depot Theatre rotunda for a free appraisal by appraisal expert, Denny Mager. You may bring up to 2 items for informal evaluation. Photos of large or fragile items are sufficient. This is part of an on-going public education program offered by the SLCHS. Please arrive by 2:30 pm to register.

More information at thehistorypeople.org.



Youth in Action was all over the County spreading holiday cheer and helping those in need this December! Proctor YIA and Hermantown YIA/Civility Club (top photo) students volunteered at the Salvation Army Distribution Day this year, where they helped families shop for toys. YIA youth loved being a part of such an exciting, joy-filled event. Students from both schools already said they want to volunteer again next year!

The Hermantown YIA/Civility Club (bottom photo) adopted a local family through Salvation Army this December. They set up a tree in their school commons with ornaments featuring wish list items. People from all over the school contributed to the family's Christmas and the group met to wrap the gifts during the final YIA meeting of the year. Students were grateful for the opportunity to help make Christmas a bit more special for a family this year.

Youth in Action in North St. Louis County partnered with 4-H for a Holiday Food Drive that provided 30 families with the supplies to make a meal and a dessert, along with a gift. A special thanks to Zups for their donation of hams and turkeys. Students helped out 5th graders at Lincoln Elementary School in Hibbing craft custom Christmas trees too!

Youth in Action students also volunteered at Great Hall Marketplace in support of The Depot and its mission, and the event, which focused on many local small businesses. **Thank you for all you do YIA!**

ACTIONS of kindness



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