



# CITY COUNCIL UPDATE

March 6, 2019

## Things to Note

- Over 2 million people served in 2018 – a record for the Museum
- Over 1,800 volunteers
- Over 65,000 member households
- Approximately 300,000 school and organized youth groups served
- 1/3 served for free and another 1/3 served at a discounted rate.

# Upcoming Exhibitions

## Leonardo da Vinci: 500 Years of Genius

March 1 – August 25, 2019

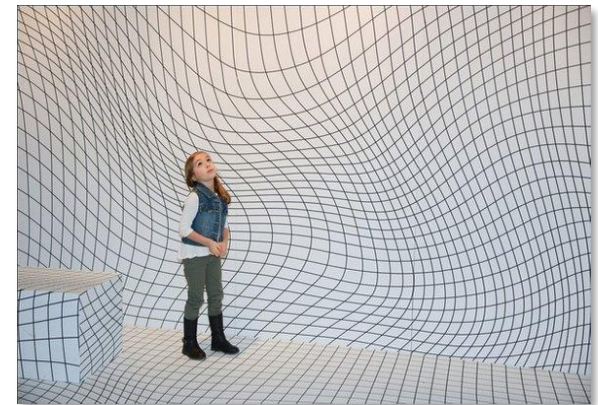
From inventions to science, from art to writing, and from society's fringes to its center, Leonardo Da Vinci remains an inspiration for the ages.



## Our Senses: Creating Your Reality

April 12 – August 4, 2019

Human “reality” isn’t ever exactly what it seems. Find out that what we perceive is not simply a window into the world around us, but a complex product of our brains.



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## Extreme Sports: Beyond Human Limits

September 13, 2019 – January 5, 2020

Go inside the minds and bodies of extreme athletes to explore the psychology, physiology, and physicality of some of the most intense sports in the world.



## The Science Behind Pixar

October 11, 2019 – March 29, 2020

Explore behind the scenes at Pixar to understand the math, computer science, creativity, art, and collaborations that create some of the world's most beloved films.



# Research and Program Highlights



# Research Highlights

## Outreach

- Provided 1,256 experiences for approximately 180,000 people through hands-on experiences
- Supplied Education Collections for 6,073 programs, reaching 166,096 students
- Generated approximately 4 billion hits through media coverage of our scientific research

## Science & Collections

- Served as stewards for 4.3M collections objects, and continued to grow the collection through 358 accessions
- Awarded \$1.87M in grants, funding 6 positions, and received \$491,737 in donor support for our research and collections projects



# Program Highlights



- In 2019, we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the first humans landing on the moon. Look for Apollo 11 events at the Museum, including a special IMAX screening this March.
- With funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York and in partnership with Denver Public Schools, DMNS, Denver Botanic Gardens and Denver Zoo are providing professional learning for DPS middle school science teachers to implement the new state science standards and DPS's new science curriculum, and improve classroom instruction. This 12 year partnership reduces the "opportunity gap in science" for 4,000 DPS middle school students by setting up field trips to science institutions and inspiring them to utilize scientific thinking skills to solve real world problems. It will reach nearly 2/3 of DPS Middle school teachers.



# Operating Agreement

- Museum raises 76% of it's operating budget on it's own, 20% comes from SCFD, and 4% from the City.
- City funds partially contribute to the cost of maintaining the building, which is a City asset.
- In addition, the City occasionally contributes GO Bonds funds for major capital improvements. In 2014, the City contributed 26% of the cost of our new addition.
- City involvement focuses on maintenance and capital improvements.

# What's Next?

## OUR OBJECTIVE

Increase the number and diversity of people who connect with the Museum around nature and science in ways that are meaningful to them.

### PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

