Giant Dome Theater

A timed-entry ticket is required for films, which are subject to change.

Enjoy a premium theater experience on our newly renovated five-story, domed wraparound screen.

Superpower Dogs: Journey around the globe to meet remarkable dogs and their human partners who fight crime, protect endangered species and save lives.

Canada’s Great Bear Rainforest: Discover one of the rarest animals on Earth—the all-white Spirit Bear—and its ancient forest home.

Ancient Cave: Unlock the secrets of the Earth’s climate by exploring vast underground worlds in search of stalagmite samples.

CIB is the Giant Dome Theater season sponsor.

Must See

Black Creativity: 50 Years
Celebrate MSJ’s tribute to the culture, heritage and contributions of African Americans in art and innovation with a look at significant moments and people whose work created new opportunities.

• Lower Level 1

U-505 Submarine: 75 Stories
Commemorate the 75th anniversary of the U-505’s capture with rarely seen artifacts that explore its early history, the lives of German and American sailors and more.

• Lower Level 1

Out of the Vault
Explore inventions throughout history with some of the most unique artifacts in our Collection.

• Lower Level 1

VR Spacwalk
Be transported to outer space via VR goggles and exciting motion and 4-D effects.

• Lower Level 1

Henry Crown Space Center

• Tickets are required. Recommended for ages 13 and older. Under 12 must be 42” or taller and have guardian consent.

Live Science Experiences
Discover interactive science moments with our staff and volunteers throughout the Museum. Investigate the conditions needed to form a vortex, learn how the Tesla coil fires, talk with our staff about the U-505 and Coal Mine, and more. Visit the Information Desk to see what’s offered.

• Main Level 2

Balcony Drop
Experience energy transformation as we drop objects from our 25-foot-tall balcony.

• Main Level 2

Wanger Family Fab Lab
Design and make a custom object in our state-of-the-art fabrication laboratory, where you can try 3D printing and laser cutting.

• Main Level 2

Ages 10 and up (ages 10-12 only with Fab Lab-ticketed chaperone age 18+).

Extrem Ice
Discover the incredible photos and time-lapse videos of James Balog, a photographer whose work illustrates diminishing glaciers.

• Main Level 2

Fast Forward
Learn how ingenious ideas will shape society in agriculture, transportation, entertainment, energy and more.

• Main Level 2

Learning Labs
Get hands-on in our forensic science lab, or become an engineer and design and build bridges.

• Lab 1, Balcony Level 3

Timed-entry ticket required. Ages 8 and up (ages 8-16 only with ticketed chaperone age 18+).

MSI Classics

U-505 Submarine Exhibit
The world-famous U-505 is the centerpiece of an unforgettable exhibit. Experience the Battle of the Atlantic, the U-505’s dramatic story and more.

• Lower Level 1

The U-505 On-board Tour is currently closed.

Eye Spy
Take a madcap journey of visual hide-and-seek with hundreds of objects arranged to delight and discover.

• Lower Level 1

Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle
Experience the enchantment of a fairy’s dream home, featuring a collection of miniature treasures.

• Lower Level 1

Swiss Jetty Ball
Watch a massive mechanical pinball machine in action!

• Lower Level 1

Science Storms
Investigate the science behind nature’s power as you understand the dynamics of a 40-foot tornado, see an avalanche in motion, and more.

• Main Level 2

Numbers in Nature: A Mirror Maze
Navigate a giant mirror maze and discover the mathematical patterns that abound in the natural world.

• Main Level 2

Free with timed-entry ticket available at exhibit entrance.

Genetics + Baby Chick Hatchery
Learn about DNA, discover what makes us unique and watch as baby chicks peck out of their shells.

• Main Level 2

Space Port
Follow the arc of space culture from dreaming to reaching space, with some surprising artifacts.

• Main Level 2

YOU! The Experience
See yourself in new and fascinating ways as you examine the connection between mind, body and spirit.

• Balcony Level 3

Going Places

Explore the ways people have traveled the Earth by visiting these transportation-themed exhibits.

Transportation Gallery
Witness how humankind has flown, soared, sped and chugged throughout the years. Gaze in awe at historic aircraft that “fly” above you, and see new and old electric cars side by side.

• Main Level 2

The Great Train Story
Watch more than 20 trains race on a cross-country journey through realistic terrain and cityscapes.

• Main Level 2

727 Take Flight closes Oct. 5
Learn about the inner and outer workings of an actual 727 airplane, including a demonstration of the landing process.

• Balcony Level 3

Wright Flyer
Relive the birth of aviation with this history-making replica.

• Balcony Level 3

The Art of the Bicycle
Understand the design process as you examine rare historic bicycles alongside new high-tech bikes.

• Main Level 2

Henry Crown Space Center
See the real Apollo 8 spacecraft and Apollo 11 training mock-up and learn about the future of space exploration.

• Main Level 1

Ships Gallery
Discover richly detailed dioramas as you sail through the maritime history of ship design and evolution.

• Lower Level 1

Racing Cars
See what speed looks like as you discover how racing has driven innovation in the automotive industry.

• Lower Level 1

Flight Simulators + Motion Rides
Choose from two flight adventures, taking off daily! Fly! Test your piloting skills in our interactive flight simulators. Ride! Take an exciting virtual trip in our eight-passenger ride simulator.

• Balcony Level 3

Tickets are required, available at the simulators. Each rider must weigh less than 254 lbs and be 48” or taller.

The Coal Mine, Idea Factory, Future Energy Chicago and Pioneer Zephyr are temporarily closed.