What’s New

Take Flight
Our United Airlines Boeing 727 plane has been reimagined in a new exhibit that explores modern aviation and the science of flight. Imagine being a passenger on a 1960s flight, take a behind-the-scenes journey from aircraft assembly to takeoff, and learn what happens to your body when you fly. • Balcony Level 3

Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition
The nation’s largest and longest-running exhibition of African-American art features over 100 works by professional and youth artists. • Main Level 2, West Pavilion

Black Creativity: Art and Activism
See images of the artistic and public response in Chicago to protests during summer 2020 alongside commissioned murals. • Lower Level 1

Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes
Celebrate Marvel history with more than 300 artifacts including original comic book pages, sculpturals, interactive displays and costumes, and props from Marvel’s blockbuster films. Examine the origins of iconic characters such as Spider-Man, Black Panther, Hulk, Captain Marvel and more. • Main Level 2 • Timed-entry ticket required.

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 projection screen.

Michael Jordan to the Max:
Limited engagement! Revisit the life and career of Michael Jordan in this remastered classic. Show times: Noon, 2:30 p.m.

Superpower Dogs: Journey around the globe to meet remarkable dogs and their human partners who fight crime, protect endangered species and save lives. Show times: 10:40 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

Canada’s Great Bear Rainforest: Discover one of the rarest animals on Earth—the all-white Spirit Bear—and its ancient forest home. Show times: 9:45 a.m., 2:35 p.m.

The Legend Returns by Sponsor

VR Transporter
Be transported to outer space via VR goggles and exciting motion and 4-D effects. • Lower Level 1, Henry Crown Space Center

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
Energy experience transformation as we drop objects from our 80-ft-high balcony. • Main Level 2

Wagner Family Fab Lab
Design and make a custom object in our state-of-the-art fabrication laboratory, where you can try 3D printing and other techniques. • Main Level 2, Ages 10 and up (ages 10-12 only with Fab Lab ticketed characters ages 18+).

Extreme Ice
Discover the incredible photos and time-lapse videos of James Balog, a photographer whose work illustrates diminishing glaciers. • Main Level 2

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.

Colleen Moore’s Fairy Castle
Experience the enchantment of a fairy’s dream home, featuring a collection of miniature treasures. • Lower Level 1

Swiss Jelly 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, what makes us unique and watch as baby chicks peek out of their shells. • 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.

Pioneer Zephyr
All aboard the world’s most groundbreaking train! Explore a new story about one of the fastest trains in the world in a renovated exhibit showcasing its legacy and impact on the future of transportation. • Entry Hall

Transportation Gallery
Witness how humankind has flown, soared, sped and traveled throughout the years with this awe-inspiring collection of planes, trains and automobiles. • 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

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 bicyclies alongside new high-tech bikes. • Main Level 2

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

Interactive Flight and Motion Simulators
Climb aboard and try your skills as a pilot or gunner in the flight simulator, or take an exciting virtual trip onboard a six-passenger motion ride experience. • 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, ToyMaker 3000 and Future Energy Chicago are temporarily closed.