

Milwaukee Public Museum
Report for Activities ending 10/31/25



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People Served



FY2025 (Sep 24 – Aug 25)

• General Attendance	283,536
• Special Exhibit	30,536
• Theater/Planetarium	105,667
• Education Programs	65,640
• Events	16,508

Total	501,887
Projection	433,900

FY 2026 (Sep 25 – Aug 26)

Projection (annual)	431,460
Projection (10/30)	27,475
Actual (10/30)	28,400



Education and Outreach



Highlights since June

- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Indigenous People's Day
- Native American Heritage Month
- 3 Rivers Powwow
- Planetarium: 5-week Class
- Streets was decorated for Halloween
- Audio Tour testing





- Research Grant funding:
 - \$954,956 awarded
 - \$1.5M in pending requests
 - \$4.5M – closing out
- Research staff conducted grant-funded fieldwork in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Uganda and the states this past summer and fall.

Current Facility Issues



Issues over past 6 months:

- Escalators were down
 - 2 times for a total of 1.25 wks
- Elevators were out of service
 - 3 times for a total of 3 wks
- Humidity issues



Financial Update – FY 2025 Final



Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc.		
Consolidated Statement of Activities		
For the Twelve Months Ended August 31, 2025		
	Actual	Budget
Revenue:		
Public Support	\$ 3,508,922	\$ 3,508,922
Contributions	3,894,274	2,793,198
Admission Income	2,395,991	2,621,126
Membership	1,201,697	35,459
All Other	2,555,736	3,768,794
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	2,863,670	826,045
Total Operating Revenue	16,420,291	13,553,545
Expenses:		
Salaries and Wages	7,380,247	7,733,860
Benefits	1,761,637	1,786,946
Supplies & Maintenance	1,817,852	1,865,644
Utilities	1,180,734	1,105,344
Professional fees	914,896	705,434
All other	1,111,136	1,164,825
Total Operating Expenses	14,166,501	14,362,052
Unrestricted support and revenue over expenses		
before Non-Operating Items	\$ 2,253,791	\$ (808,506)

Financial Update As Of 9/30/2025



Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc.		
Consolidated Statement of Activities		
For the One Month Ended September 30, 2025		
	Actual	Budget
Revenue:		
Public Support	\$ 291,667	\$ 291,667
Contributions	53,784	307,414
Admission Income	93,753	94,220
Membership	61,354	24,047
All Other	113,036	134,181
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	352,915	22,167
Total Operating Revenue	966,509	873,696
Expenses:		
Salaries and Wages	597,926	618,229
Benefits	127,972	136,160
Supplies & Maintenance	91,265	132,111
Utilities	84,912	82,259
Professional fees	95,314	34,151
All other	49,847	69,732
Total Operating Expenses	1,047,237	1,072,642
Unrestricted support and revenue over expenses before Non-Operating Items	\$ (80,728)	\$ (198,946)



- Exhibit Progress
- Site Progress
- Collections Progress
- Fundraising

Exhibit Progress

Fabrication begun

- Prototyping
- Scenic elements
- Object + Prop
- Labels
- Media

Base Building Coordination

- Electrical
- Hangers

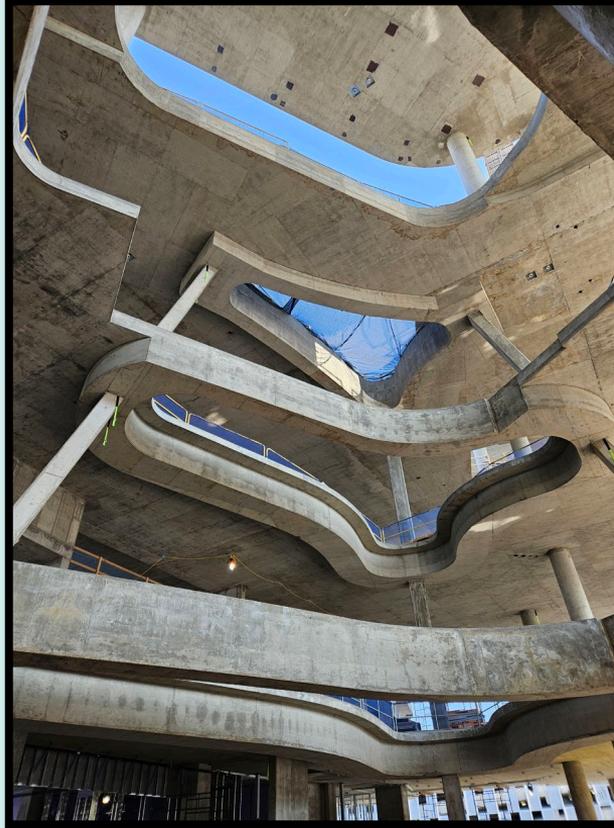


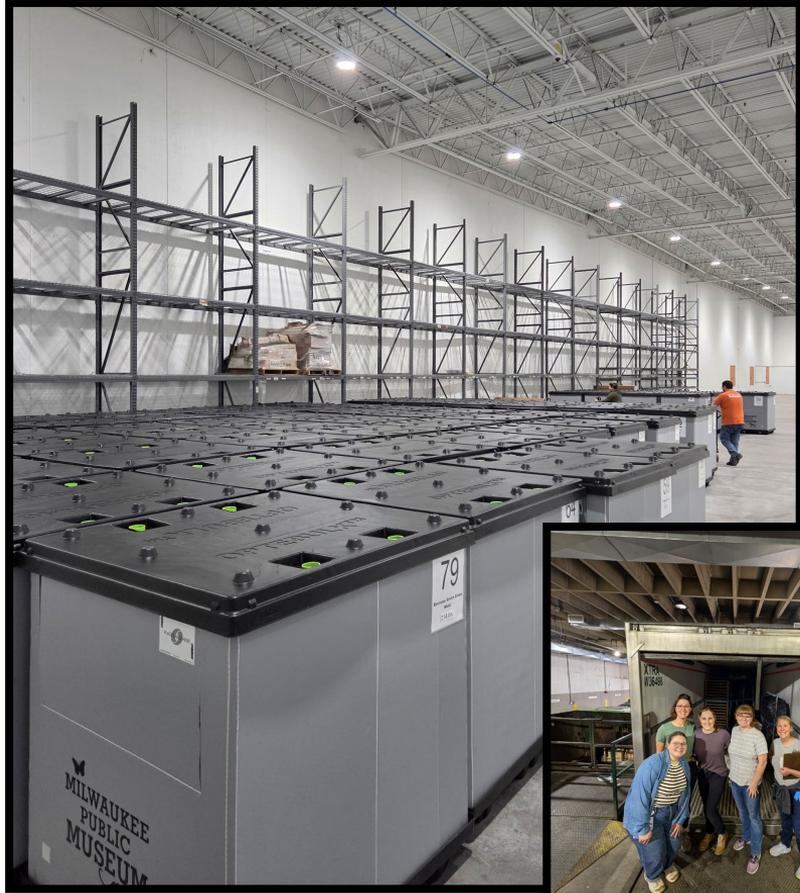
Future Museum



Site Progress

- Topped off in July
- Building enclosed
- 70+ WI companies
- MKE Co. -- 55%
- Interior work continues
 - Plumbing
 - Electrical
 - Ductwork
 - Walls





Collection Progress

- 23 staff hired
- Barcoding and packing continues (1 Million packed!)
- Offsite storage upgraded to museum standards
- Starting to move offsite
- Survived a 1000-year flood without a drop!!



Thank you!