



2024 Annual Report



Mission

Our mission is to inspire curiosity through engaging science learning experiences, foster experimentation and the exchange of ideas, and stimulate informed action.

Vision

OMSI, collaborating with partners, will ignite an education transformation at the intersection of science, technology and design, and weave a thriving innovation district into the fabric of Portland that spreads opportunities across the Northwest.

Equity Statement

OMSI respects, values, and celebrates the unique attributes, characteristics, and perspectives that make each person who they are. We believe that we will be successful in accomplishing our mission and vision when we seek out and respond to diversity of participation, thought, and action. We will work to dismantle barriers to equity and access to the experiences OMSI provides and to create welcoming environments and conditions where all people can reach their full potential. We lead with race.

Dear Supporters and Friends,

As we reflect on another year of growth and transformation, I am filled with gratitude for the abundance of support from our community, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the resilience of our partners. OMSI continues to flourish, touching more lives in more ways and fostering a healthier Oregon for all.

This year, OMSI showcased incredible exhibits like *Orcas: Our Shared Future* and *Tyrannosaurs - Meet the Family*, attracting visitors of all ages. Our Community Science Nights were a resounding success. Our new Regional Education program, established in partnership with [Eastern Oregon University](#) and GO STEM, provided more than 7,000 rural students with in-depth science learning opportunities, while our traveling programs reached over 120,000 youth in every county in Oregon. We are honored that the [Association of Science and Technology Centers](#) recognized our Spanish-first exhibition, [Creatividad silvestre/Wild Creativity](#), as 2023's Best New Traveling Exhibition. We are thrilled that the [Newsweek Readers' Choice Awards](#) named OMSI the top science museum in the U.S.

Our investment in access programs has grown, with nearly \$1.5 million dedicated to [financial aid, discounted admissions, and community engagement](#). We are proud to have expanded our digital learning platforms, ensuring that OMSI's resources are available anytime, anywhere. Looking ahead, we are excited to continue this journey with you. Together, we are building a future where OMSI is a cherished resource throughout every stage of life, inspiring curiosity and a love for science in generations to come. Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership in making this vision a reality.

With gratitude,



Erin Graham
OMSI President and CEO



OMSI ignited curiosity in

1,105,264 learners.

FY24 OMSI IMPACT NUMBERS

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38,047 people across the state participated in our special impact programs like embedded educators, summer star parties, and STEAM kit builds.

In total, OMSI provided nearly **\$1,500,000** of financial access through direct aid and reduced admissions.

Our traveling education programs reached **129,706** students and youth across the region.

The Market at Science Playground

When the Portland Children’s Museum closed in 2021, some feared its cherished exhibits would be lost forever. Fortunately, OMSI stepped in to preserve a beloved favorite: the market. In 2023, this delightful experience found a new home in the [Science Playground](#), offering our youngest learners a place to play, pretend grocery shop, and “prepare” meals for their doting caregivers. Here, children can cooperatively practice counting, sorting by color, and developing essential social skills, and parents can learn more about the science of play. This interactive experience not only provides endless fun but also fosters imagination and curiosity, ensuring that even our littlest visitors find joy and inspiration in learning at OMSI.



Partnership with Hillsboro School District

OMSI has supported schools across the region for more than 80 years, most recently by embedding educators in communities through the Regional Educator Program. Based in [Tamarack Elementary School in Hillsboro](#), an OMSI educator delivers STEAM programming to over 3,100 students in four schools across the district, with plans to expand to eight district schools during the upcoming year. OMSI-led programming includes summer classes, an after school club, and field trips to the museum. During these, students apply their exhibit design lessons to projects like planning an amusement park and an ocean health exhibit. This collaboration between OMSI and the Hillsboro District deepens programming impact, supports teachers, develops student’s confidence, and inspires a greater engagement in STEAM topics.

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Teen Tech Center Intern Spotlight: Ashley Tran

In partnership with SummerWorks, a short-term employment and training program aimed at introducing youth to employers with positive impacts, OMSI hosted a group of interns last year. One of them, Ashley Tran, developed a virtual reality project while interning in [OMSI's Teen Tech Center](#). Called "Cybexercise," users enter a VR space meant to increase accessibility to exercising for individuals facing lower body disabilities. The app is almost finished, and she recently developed and launched her own website ([cybexercise.com](#)).

In the process, she helped OMSI learn how to bring VR into the Teen Tech Center. Her project served as inspiration for other teens while they learned more about programming VR. OMSI's Teen Tech Center is accessible ONLY to teens and free of charge. In the space, they can use technology ranging from sewing machines and button makers to a recording booth, 3D printer, and computers loaded with a suite of creative development applications. Mentors are available to help hone skills, but the space is largely self-directed and allows for lots of freedom to create.

Ashley is heading to Vanderbilt this fall and credits OMSI with helping her grow the confidence and skills for taking risks and exploring her ideas.

Volunteer Spotlight: Ryan Malone

For 16 years, Ryan Malone has inspired visitors and staff at OMSI. Starting as a Rising Star, OMSI's previous teen volunteer program, Ryan has always enjoyed the Featured Hall's evolving exhibits, particularly those on dinosaurs, LEGOs, and *Exquisite Creatures*. A dinosaur fossil collector himself, Ryan is passionate about learning and sharing scientific knowledge, believing it fosters connection and understanding. At OMSI, he values the supportive community and his unique role.



Volunteers

JUNE 1, 2023 - MAY 31, 2024

Our volunteers are the science enthusiasts in every part of OMSI, from explaining chemistry phenomena in the labs to welcoming visitors and ensuring a memorable experience for everyone.

5,000+ Hours

Greg Carr, 12 years
 Todd Cooper, 17 years
 Genie Currier, 16 years
 Sandy Frederick, 27 years
 David Herzog, 41 years
 Lewis Van Winkle, 27 years

2,500 – 5,000 Hours

Elizabeth Becker, 40 years
 Jim Berger, 14 years
 Tony Capitano, 15 years
 Drew Christensen, 8 years
 Ken Cone, 10 years
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 Nüs Hisim, 8 years
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 Maureen O'Neal, 17 years
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 Mary Lou Ritter, 9 years
 Michelle Stupek, 17 years

Bob Wetter, 11 years
 Jim Woodruff, 7 years

1,000 – 2,500 Hours

Tom Anderson, 5 years
 Tom Biniak, 5 years
 Scott Chapman, 11 years
 Ken Cumings, 13 years
 Ruth Draper, 12 years
 Jonathan Fields, 16 years
 Warren Ford, 13 years
 Jim Haberman, 6 years
 Margaret Hill, 15 years
 Jenny Kinney, 14 years
 Ari Lawrenson, 7 years
 Jonathan Leung, 22 years
 Paul Lewis, 9 years
 Sam Louke, 18 years
 Richard Maass, 12 years
 Ryan Malone, 16 years
 Mark Manzer, 21 years
 Peter McCarty, 8 years
 Kristi McClain, 10 years
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 Mary Moreira, 9 years
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 Tristan Roberts, 11 years
 Janne Sepp, 16 years
 Julie Snyder, 7 years
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< 1,000 Hours, 5+ Years

Don Anderson, 11 years
 Janet Blackstone, 7 years
 Jerry Bogorad, 5 years
 Tony Chau, 7 years
 Tracy Collins, 9 years
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 Steve Sowell, 5 years
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3,424 volunteers totaling over 30,000 volunteer hours



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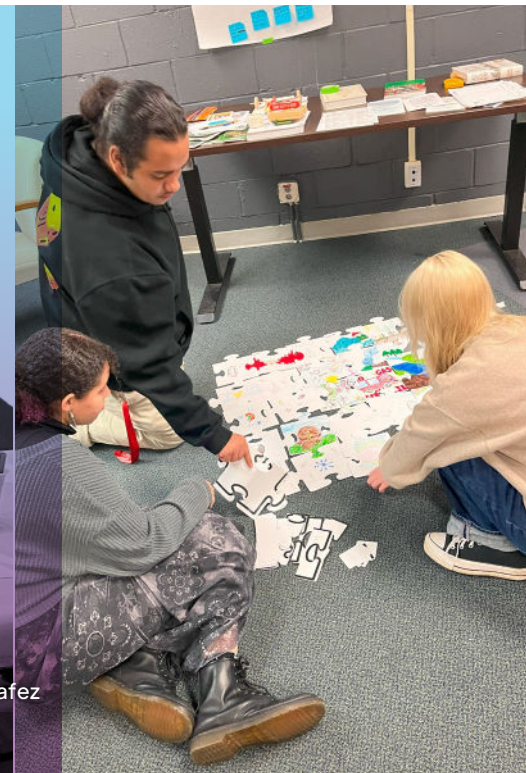
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Elevating Native Voices STEAM Apprentice Program

With funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, OMSI partnered with Native American Youth and Family Services (NAYA) and hired three Native identifying youth to work with education staff to develop new experiences for the refreshed Natural Sciences Hall. Audrieauna Brown, Tallulah Guilfoyle, and Josiah Marquez-Hafez shadowed science educators in the museum, collaborated with exhibit designers, and utilized the resources in the Teen Tech Center to create independent projects. The cohort of youth gained professional skills and built community as they worked together to research Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK) and developed strategies for integrating its teachings into the Natural Sciences Hall. Through collaborations with the STEAM Apprentices and additional Native partners, programming and exhibits are able to better center ITEK as a key way of combating climate change in pursuit of planetary health.



Audrieauna Brown, Marissa Gamliel (Learning Strategist), Tallulah Guilfoyle, Josiah Marquez-Hafez



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Community Science Nights

Throughout the year, OMSI hosts a series of Community Science Nights, which center culturally specific audiences and host a wide range of programming and vendors. Developed with community organizations and open to the public, the evenings bring in families, teens, and adults from across the Metro area. Visitors experience everything from drum circles and talks from leading scientists to culturally specific science trivia and bilingual storytime. One participant reflected: “Being in community with other Indigenous folks was good medicine. It made me feel safer and interact with the space in a more comfortable way.” Pasifika & Asian American, Black, Latin American, and Native American Nights have each attracted over 1,000 guests, filling the museum with live performances, lectures and demos, laser dance parties, and great food and drink.



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participants
visited Water Avenue



Science Programming for Adults: Science Pubs

Learning doesn't stop with a graduation, and it doesn't stop at the museum walls either. [OMSI Science Pubs](#) invite adults back into the classroom - beverage in hand - to learn from local scientists and chat with an auditorium full of curious folks. Hosted monthly at both the Kennedy School and OMSI's Empirical Theater, Science Pub topics range from how to communicate with your pet to immunology to astrophysics. Attendees love the "excellent vibes and sense of community," while listening to scientists who are passionate about both their field of study and sharing their knowledge. One attendee to *Pain and the Brain* reflected: "Thank you for providing current, up-to-date information about pain. This is very validating for how I communicate with patients about pain and gate theory." All of OMSI programming strives to support the community while advancing science learning and discovery throughout our lives. 4,827 adults participated in Science Pubs in Portland and Corvallis.

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JUNE 1, 2023-CURRENT

The J.C. Stevens Legacy Society honors those who have included OMSI in their estate plans. These donors, like the society's namesake and OMSI co-founder John Cyprian Stevens, help to ensure OMSI continues to provide engaging science education for generations to come.

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OMSI programming reached 164,850 participants across the region outside of our Water Ave campus.

Statement of Activities

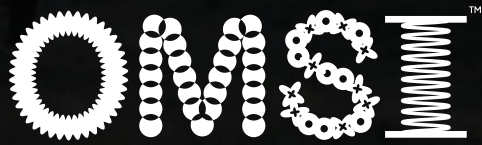
	Year ended 5/31/24	Year ended 5/31/23	Year ended 5/31/22
SUPPORT & REVENUE			
Admissions	6,553,958	6,736,173	4,511,547
Memberships	2,308,012	1,959,048	1,220,209
Educational programs	3,849,222	3,215,829	1,809,031
Auxiliary activities	1,378,646	2,059,255	1,295,727
Exhibit fees	887,573	680,418	773,572
Contributions and grants	6,241,011	6,810,291	11,528,902
Change in value of perpetual trust	43,921	(29,614)	(64,894)
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	326,750	249,170	139,789
Interest and other income	2,777,151	1,665,375	384,990
Gain/(loss) on sale of land, buildings, exhibits, and equipment	(11,269)	(76,422)	15,325
Gain on extinguishment of debt	-	-	2,000,000
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	24,354,975	23,269,523	23,614,198
EXPENSES			
Program Services			
Museum activities	14,464,604	13,952,600	11,728,440
Educational programs	4,761,798	4,541,580	3,209,503
Total program services	19,226,402	18,494,180	14,937,943
Supporting Services			
Management and general	4,651,560	4,192,873	3,753,274
Fundraising	1,585,016	1,294,682	1,107,117
Total support services	6,236,576	5,487,555	4,860,391
Auxiliary activities	666,565	1,063,355	829,830
TOTAL EXPENSES	26,129,543	25,045,090	20,628,164
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(1,774,568)	(1,775,567)	2,986,034
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	46,920,868	48,696,435	45,710,401
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	45,146,300	46,920,868	48,696,435

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Statement of Financial Position

	As of 5/31/24	As of 5/31/23	As of 5/31/22
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash, cash equivalents and investments	14,546,663	16,685,222	16,732,362
Net accounts, pledges, and contracts receivable, current portion	2,363,658	2,038,985	1,713,442
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,311,777	1,302,911	655,387
Due from other funds	481,375	180,694	594,675
Total current assets	18,703,473	20,207,812	19,695,866
Long-term Assets			
Accounts, pledges, and contracts receivable, net of current portion	141,247	202,734	69,956
Beneficial interest in perpetual trust	404,415	360,494	390,108
Land, buildings, exhibits, and equipment, net	47,792,520	40,352,300	41,707,512
Right of use asset - operating	212,717	352,152	-
Total long-term net assets	48,550,899	41,267,680	42,167,576
TOTAL ASSETS	67,254,372	61,475,492	61,863,442
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,569,432	2,464,044	2,019,817
Operating lease liability, current portion	144,293	139,435	-
Due to other funds	481,375	180,694	594,675
Deferred revenues, current portion	4,338,061	4,444,825	3,235,447
Bonds payable, current portion	314,912	306,182	298,649
Total current liabilities	7,848,073	7,535,180	6,148,588
Long-term liabilities			
Deferred revenues, net of current portion	213,985	215,991	121,501
Operating lease liability, net of current portion	68,424	212,717	-
Loan Payable, net of current portion	7,701,767	-	-
Bonds Payable, net of current portion	6,275,823	6,590,736	6,896,918
Total long-term liabilities	14,259,999	7,019,444	7,018,419
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,108,072	14,554,624	13,167,007
NET ASSETS	45,146,300	46,920,868	48,696,435
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	67,254,372	61,475,492	61,863,442

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