

Overall FY23 VMNH highlights to-date:

Facilities

- Nearing completion of the Schematic Design phase for VMNH-W
- Launch of an entirely new Wi-Fi system in spring 2023, with greater speed, improved dependability, and enhanced security
- Bids in for the Jean S. Adams Education Pavilion
- EV chargers fully operational

VMNH Foundation support

- Need-based scholarship funding for summer camps and school group programming for the coming year and beyond
- Strong partnership support for science festivals through early 2025 **§10.1-2001(2)**
- VMNH Foundation endowment nearing the \$1 million mark, with an anticipated celebration in calendar year 2023 or 2024.

Admissions

- On pace for record regular admission (those paying regular, full admission) for FY23. School group visitation coming back more slowly **§10.1-2001(2)**

Festivals

- Record festival revenue, up 33% over FY19 **§10.1-2001(2)**
- Record festival visitation, up 21% over FY19 **§10.1-2001(2)**

Exhibits

- Hosting a nationally touring exhibit for the first time since 2011, with the overall special exhibit schedule set through January 2025 **§10.1-2001(1-2)**
- New Museum Experiences Manager on board, with this position to work collaboratively with educators, scientists, events staff and marketing
- Staff have negotiated the purchase of a full skeleton cast of *Triceratops* thanks to VMNH Foundation support, further increasing the density of exhibits
- New solar display in the VMNH Lobby beginning May 2023 **§10.1-2000**

Research

- CHML staff doubling thanks to entrepreneurial public/private partnerships **§10.1-2000; §10.1-2001(1-6)**
- VMNH embarking on a new 3-year Wyoming dig in summer 2023 in partnership with the University of Lynchburg thanks to NSF funding **§10.1-2001 (1-6)**
- R&C staff now double what it was a decade ago **§10.1-2000**

Education

- Homeschool programming, outreach, and at-the-museum programming levels strong, with need-based scholarships made possible by the VMNH Foundation **§10.1-2001(2)**
- New IMLS-funded Exploration Lab opened in fall 2022, with 42 classes serving 824 students **§10.1-2001(2)**