



# Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

## Update

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**Cheryl Donaldson Moses,  
City Director**

**Laura Valdez, Nonprofit  
Director**



# Background

- Fort Collins Museum of Discovery (FCMoD) is a public/private partnership established in 2008 between the City of Fort Collins and Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, Nonprofit Partner.
- The Partnership leverages the strengths of a City and Nonprofit
- Governance shared between the Fort Collins City Council and the Nonprofit Board of Directors
- Accredited by American Alliance of Museums (AAM) in 2018
- 2023 Budget is \$3.86 Million
  - \$1,394,000 - City of Fort Collins General Fund and Project Support
  - \$2,467,597 - Nonprofit Partner Operating and Special Funds
- More than 1 MILLION Museum visitors! Free access provided to over 225,000 people of all ages.





# Celebrating 10 Years!



More than 2,000  
community members  
celebrated during our  
3-day 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration!



# One Million Visitors, One Million Memories



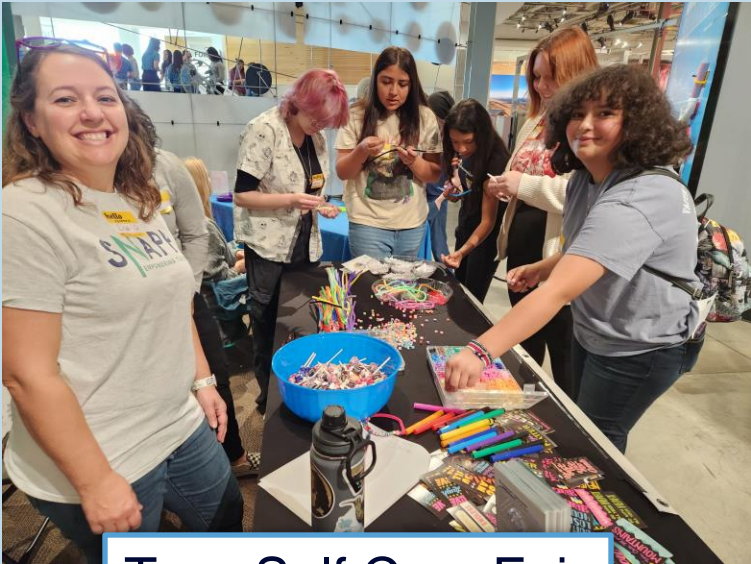
*Free day sponsored by City of Fort Collins  
Environmental Services Department-  
Sustainability Service Area*



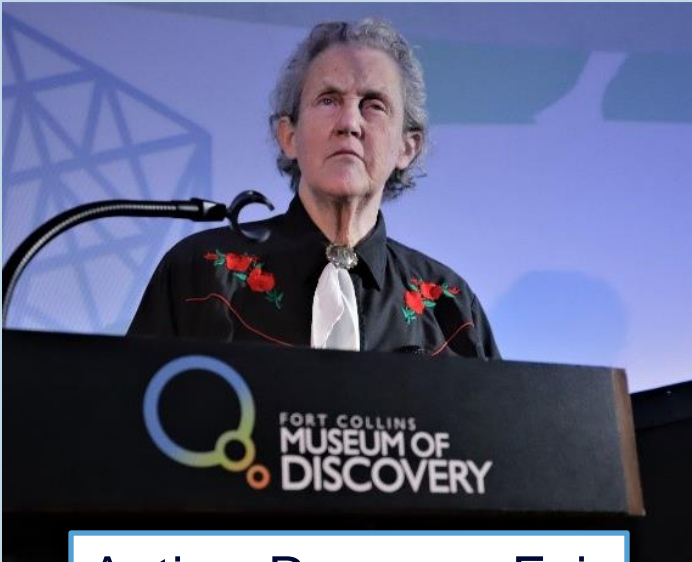
We welcomed our Millionth Visitor on January 7, 2023!  
Lifetime membership awarded to the Cordova Family!



# Community Connections and Well-Being



Teen Self Care Fair



Autism Resource Fair



PSD Youth Mental Health Summit



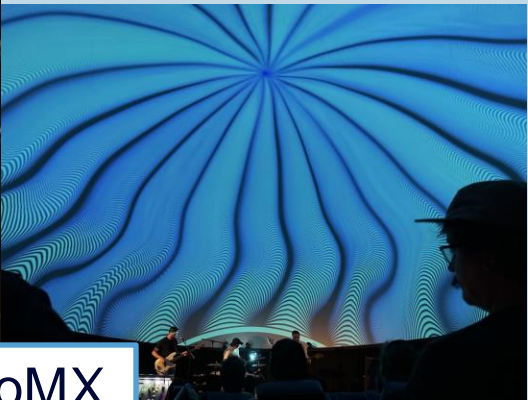
Human Library



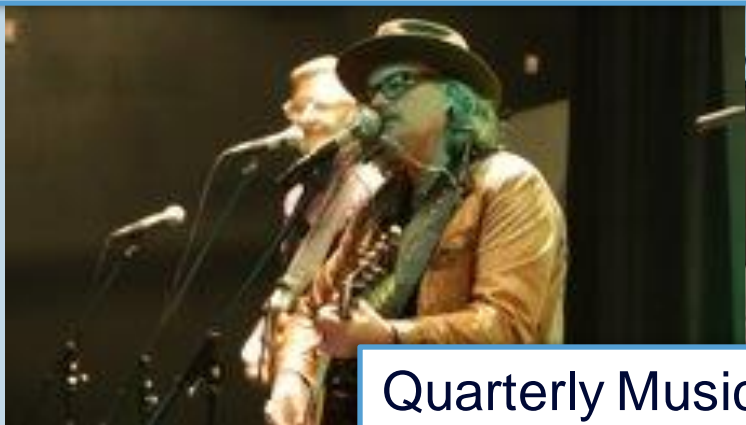
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Sonic Spotlight Showcase  
2022 Grand Prize Winner-  
Fiona Sofia



FoCoMX



Quarterly Music Industry Nights



FCMoD Squad



# Community Connections and Well-Being



- Summer Mobile Program
- I-STAR Connections - Indigenous Science, Technology, Arts, and Resilience
- ISAAC Youth Fellow Program



# Special and Traveling Exhibits - 2023 and Beyond



Fall/Winter  
2023-24



Fall/Winter  
2024-25



Summer  
2025



Community exhibition  
with Mexican artists  
Ruben Mica  
y Oscar Mora





# Preserving Local History

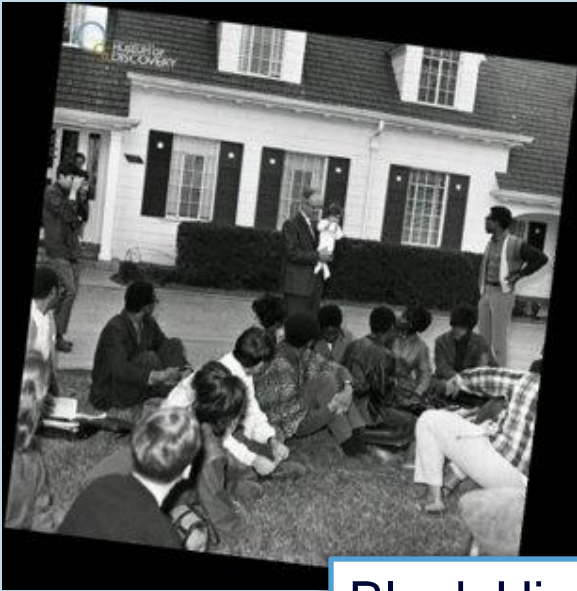


## 2023 City Partner Budget funded:

- Build-out of state-of-the-art Collections housing furniture, doubling storage capacity
- Updated humidification for more than 9,000 sq. ft. of facility space: Collections storage and Special Exhibition Gallery
- Expected completion summer/fall 2023



# Expanded Local History Archive Tours & Presentations



Black History Month



Women's History Month



AAPI History Month

*Celebrate*  
**Asian American  
& Pacific Islander**  
*Heritage Month*

May 2023



# Tribal Nation and Native American Relationships



- Mark Soldier Wolf Collection – On loan since March 1, 2021
  - Approximately 40 linear feet of recordings, artwork, photos, maps, research, family history, handwritten memories
- Northern Arapaho consultations, including Buffalo hide conservation
- Comanche Nation of Oklahoma NAGPRA consultation
- Film screenings with CSU's ACT Films
- Curatorial agreement process enhancement



