

Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Role: Architect & Museum Planner for Renovation and Expansion; led team of engineers and specialist consultants.

Program: Interactive science & natural history and art exhibits, lobby, cafe, gift shop, function space, library, labs, classrooms, exhibit support, and offices

Total Building Area: 1 million sf

Status: “Dinosaurs in Their Time” Expansion opened 2007

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Description: The Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh encompass more than one million square feet of space in four major museums. In addition to programming for all four museums, our work has included conceptual planning for a proposed expansion to The Andy Warhol Museum, recommendations for visitor services areas including an expanded lobby for the Museum of Art and Natural History, and extensive planning for the reconfiguration, renovation and expansion to the Museum of Natural History.

At the Museum of Natural History, we completed a new Molecular Lab, a new Library with rare book storage area, and a new Temporary Exhibit Gallery that met the stringent temperature and humidity requirements of national traveling exhibitions.

We also were the architects for a new 18,000 SF expansion and the renovation of adjacent exhibit areas, home of the Museum’s world class dinosaur collection. “Dinosaurs in Their Time” is the first permanent exhibition in the world to feature scientifically accurate, immersive environments spanning the Mesozoic Era—the Age of Dinosaurs—arranged chronologically and filled with actively posed original fossil specimens. All of this construction was done without closing the Museum.

The Pittsburgh Historic Commission granted their annual award to the Carnegie’s “Dinosaurs in Their Time” for its outstanding efforts toward sympathetic historic rehabilitation.



