

spectrUM 2025

Year in Review

JANUARY 1- DECEMBER 31, 2025

Dear spectrUM Members and Friends,

As I embark on my third year as director, I am continually inspired by the energy and generosity of this community. Thanks to your support, 2025 was a year of unprecedented growth, creativity, and momentum for spectrUM Discovery Area. This past year brought many new projects, as well as expansions of existing programs. I am excited to share a few of the highlights that you made possible.

In 2025, we:

- Secured over \$1.5 million in new multi-year grants from NASA and the National Institutes of Health.
- Began work on our statewide Library Telescope Program, with plans to serve 124 libraries across Montana in 2026.
- Grew our adult education offerings, welcoming a new local audience.
- Introduced the Counselor in Training program, opening high school internship opportunities in spectrUM summer camps.
- Built and installed two new exhibits, translating cutting-edge science into hands-on exploration.
- Distributed hundreds of science kits through the Missoula Public Library's Bookmobile and community outreach.
- Expanded our impact at EmPower Place, bringing engaging science experiences to more of Missoula's youth.

None of this would be possible without your ongoing support. We are so grateful for all that you help us to accomplish. Together we ignite curiosity, spark discovery, and champion science for all!

With gratitude,


Alex Sobin



P.S. If you would like to stay updated on spectrUM's work all year long, scan the QR code to sign up for our monthly newsletter.

Our Mission:

spectrUM Discovery Area is Montana's hands-on science museum, dedicated to igniting passion for discovery through science.



Total science experiences in 2025:

231,196



Visits to the museum in the Library:

205,282



People visiting EmPower Place in the Food Bank:

17,620



STEAM role model volunteers:

32



Field trip class visits:

52

Summer Outreach:

children engaged with science experiences at free meal sites



Flathead

1,227

Mineral County

167

Bitterroot

657



Statewide Impact:

In 2025 spectrUM drove more than 2,700 miles to bring science museum experiences to 10 communities across Montana.



Out-of-School Camps:

225 children learned about STEAM skills and careers through camp experiences in 2025

16 week-long camps across an array of science fields

48 camp scholarships awarded



WHAT VISITORS ARE SAYING ABOUT SPECTRUM

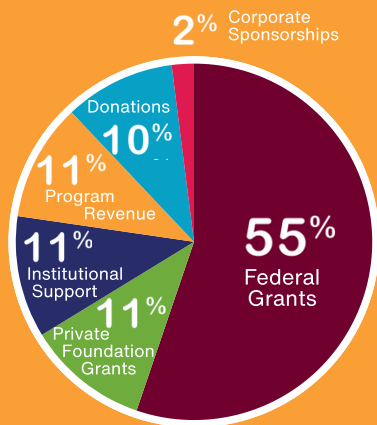
“This place is a true gem of Missoula and the team are outstanding!”

“The perfect combination of fun and learning. Absolutely spectacular!”

“Everyone is so welcoming and make learning fun.”

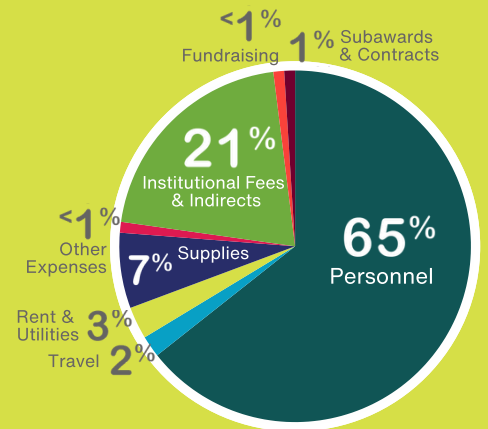
“spectrUM is a wonderful service to the Missoula community.”

2025 REVENUE



TOTAL REVENUE: \$1,272,123

2025 EXPENSES



TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,236,275

REVENUE AND EXPENSES



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Members Make a Difference

spectrUM Memberships support the Science for All fund to provide free and low-cost access to programming for all who want to experience passion for discovery through science.

In 2025, our dedicated Members contributed more than \$7,600 to help us visit schools across the state, bring classes in for field trips, staff our free museum, and provide Missoula kids with scholarships for summer camp and after school clubs.

In addition to the joy of doing good for their community, spectrUM Members also receive exclusive access to museum programs, advance registration and discounts for kids camps, and even free admission to 400+ other science museums across the world!

To become a member, or learn more about the benefits of membership, visit www.umt.edu/spectrUM/support/membership or call (406)728-STEM.