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Mission:

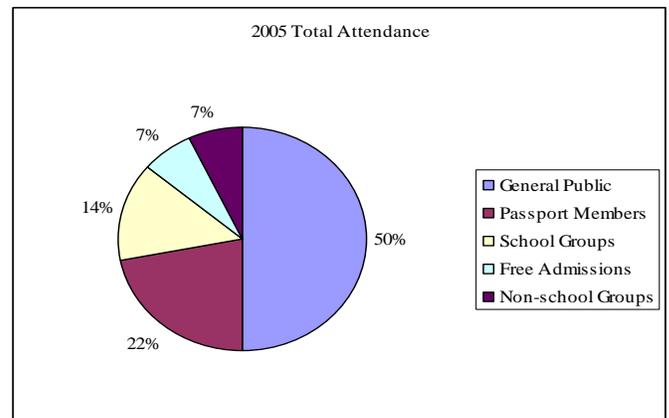
- To serve residents and tourists of all ages with extraordinary resources for exploration and provide a center of informal, enjoyable learning, creativity and community gathering.

Exploration Place visitors will experience their world in a whole new and fun way on this 20-acre site, located along the scenic Arkansas River, in Wichita’s downtown *Museums on the River* district. Four hands-on exhibit areas focus on flight, health, Kansas and imaginative spaces for young children. The recently renovated Kids Explore exhibit area, *Once Upon a Castle...Where Kids Rule*, has become extremely popular as visitors make their way through the area’s three-story medieval stone castle. Activities include making a “meal” in the dining hall, playing medieval instruments and riding the Exploration Place equiponies.

In Exploration Place’s CyberDome Theater, the largest domed theater in Kansas, visitors travel to faraway destinations and embark upon unforgettable adventures under its all-compassing 360-degree, 60-foot high screen.

Visitors can also take a breather in the great outdoors at Exploration Park’s picnic grove and adventure play yard. During the summer, visitors can test their putting skills at the newly updated 18-hole MiniGolf course.

Amenities include free parking, Explore Store, WaterWay Café and terrace, lockers, and family restrooms. Other offerings include: Passport Memberships, discounted group rates and special events. Visitors can also rent out all or parts of Exploration Place for personal events such as weddings, proms, meetings, workshops for children and more.



2005 total attendance = 152,320

Budget Summary by Category

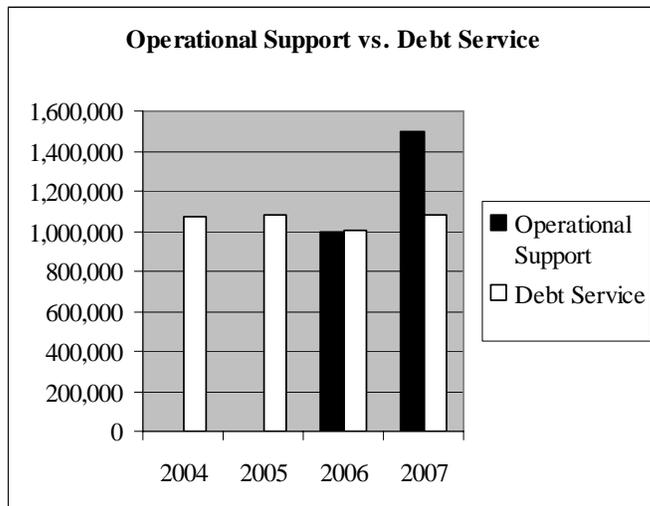
	2005 Actual	2006 Adopted	2006 Revised	2007 Budget	% Chg. 06-07
Expenditures					
Personnel	-	-	-	151,926	
Contractual Services	300,000	-	1,000,000	1,348,074	34.8%
Debt Service	1,081,989	1,074,508	1,074,508	1,083,108	0.8%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	
Equipment	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Total Expenditures	1,381,989	1,074,508	2,074,508	2,583,108	24.5%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs)	-	-	1.00	1.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2006 Revised	2007 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	2,074,508	2,583,108
Total Expenditures	2,074,508	2,583,108

Exploration Place is in its sixth year of operation and is a mission-driven, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit institution, supported by Sedgwick County, admissions, membership dues, and voluntary contributions from individuals, area businesses and foundations. Exploration Place welcomes visitors from all over the world.

Sedgwick County helps provide funding for the 29.0 full-time and 44.0 part-time positions. In addition to Exploration Place’s dedicated employees, an army of loyal volunteers helps in each area of the facility – from administrative efforts to staffing the Main Lobby information desk to working special events. Exploration Place’s affiliations include the Association of Science-Technology Centers and the Association of Children’s Museums.



The 2006-2007 fiscal year (July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007) will be a very exciting time as Exploration Place’s new president, Al Meloni, and the staff implement compelling new exhibits, programs, activities, and events. In fact, the first exhibit now on the books is the world-renowned traveling exhibit, *A T-Rex Named Sue*. The centerpiece of this amazing exhibit is a full-size replica of Sue, the largest, most complete and best-preserved Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered. Visitors will learn about Sue and how she was found through interactive exhibits that surround the 42-foot long, 12-foot high replica.