

CONSTRUCTION REPORT: 2017



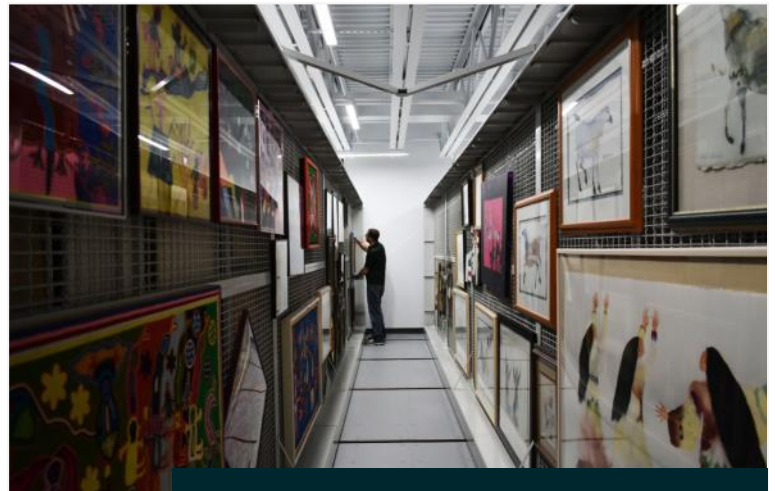
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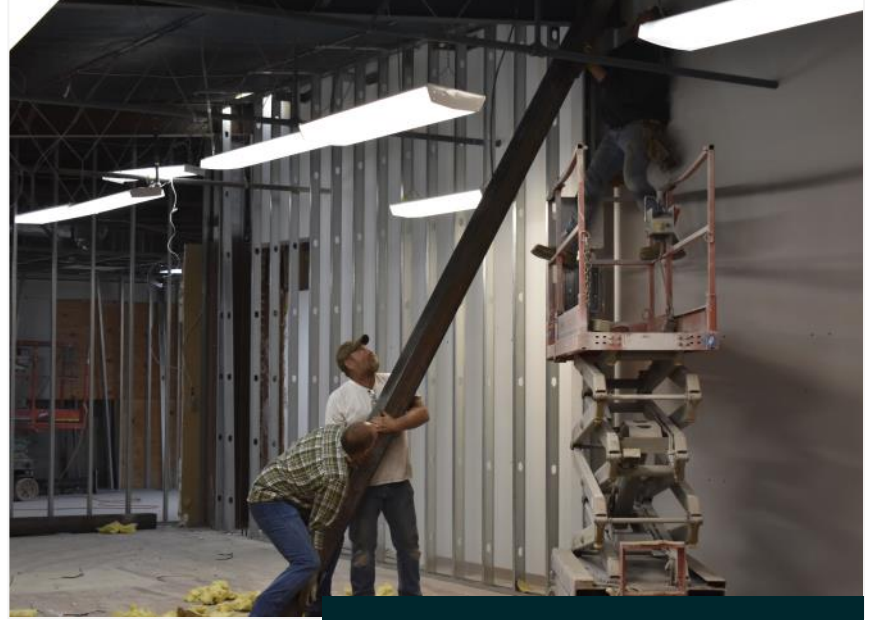
COLLECTIONS STORAGE



The primary goal of construction was to expand collection storage, which was nearing capacity. This led to a "domino effect," according to Vickie Smith, Project Manager. She said, "once we started talking, we realized there were other areas that needed work." The project grew to include a larger curatorial workspace and renovations to all public spaces.

The initial goal of the project—a larger, more modern collections storage facility—is finished. Members of the public have been able to view the space on a limited basis. The response thus far has exceeded expectations. Moreover, most of the time-intensive-work—such as connecting new buildings to existing ones—is complete. Progress is expected to accelerate after workers install the glass "face" of the Museum.

GALLERIES



Except for a few connecting spaces in the Lifeways Gallery, renovations to the main galleries are complete. The most notable changes are the least visible. Our lighting and HVAC systems have been completely modernized. The new lights are less harsh and more energy efficient. The HVAC system is better at maintaining stable humidity levels than the previous one. These changes, combined with an upgraded storage facility, will make object preservation much easier.

After contractors install the glass "face" of the Museum, work will begin on the *Acrocantbosaurus* Gallery, lobby, and Learning Center. The new *Acro* gallery will most likely be open to the public before construction is complete.



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