

DINOSAURS and Dragons



**2020 Summer
Library Programs**

by

Colossal Fossils

Colossal Fossils Proudly Presents: 2020 Summer Library Programs

“Imagine Your Story.” The upcoming Wisconsin Summer Library Program is full of learning potential. Mythological beasts and fairy tales easily capture the imaginations of children, and Colossal Fossils has developed a new program that combines science with these fascinating stories. On the following pages, you will find our 2020 Wisconsin library programs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.



We are excited about next summer and what it has to offer. We can't wait to visit our friends at the libraries we have worked with in the past, and we are excited to meet new friends at new libraries.

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2020 Program List

Program 1

Dragons and Dinosaurs (New!)

Dragons. Griffins. The Cyclops. Did you know that real fossils inspired many well-known mythological creatures? This ***mythology*** themed program showcases the origins of some famous monsters! We will travel the world, discussing myths and fairy tales from Japan, to Europe, and even right here in North America. We will compare the stories with actual fossils so kids can see how ancient humans came up with these tales in the first place. For example, woolly mammoth bones are common in Greece, and it is thought that their strange looking skulls inspired the story of the one-eyed Cyclops. Colossal Fossils will bring a collection of shark teeth, dinosaur bones, mammoth bones, and some awesome surprises. Like all of our programs, they are hands-on, and children are allowed to touch the exhibits. Family-friendly, this talk is designed for people of ALL ages.

Program 2

The Mammoth Hunter

He's back! We know, from archaeological evidence, people lived in Wisconsin at least 15,000 years ago. It was not easy to survive the harsh Ice Age environment, but humans did it. Meet Sean Sullivan, an experimental archaeologist, artist, and storyteller. Go back in time as Sean shows off the tools that our ancestors made right here in the Badger State thousands of years ago. Explore the art, hunting tools, and music of our Ice Age ancestors. With a prime focus on Wisconsin history, Sean's program will absolutely amaze your audience. Ages 4 to 104.



Program 3

Wisconsin Ice Age

Once again, this enthralling program features bones and artifacts from many of Wisconsin's most famous Ice Age animals. From woolly mammoths to saber-tooth cats, from mastodons to giant bears, the program will amaze just about everyone. The best part is that, like all of our programs, people have an opportunity to touch just about everything we bring! Hear stories of amazing Wisconsin discoveries, some of which may be right in your back yard. Also includes a small portion about Wisconsin fossils (those that are 300-500 million years old) and where you can find your own!



Program 4

Colossal Fossils

If your library has not had the opportunity to experience our programs yet, then consider a general "grab-bag" of hands-on fossils that your audience is sure to love. Our knowledgeable presenters will captivate children and adults with a mix of dinosaurs, Ice Age mammals, and real Wisconsin fossils. Presented in a show-and-tell format, many of the fossils are passed around during the program and, for anything too big to pass around (T. rex jaws, for example), people are invited to come up after the program to touch these amazing discoveries. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for many children.



Program 5

Dinosaurs, Great and Small

Another program back by popular demand, “Dinosaurs, Great and Small” is designed for kids and those who are young-at-heart. Featuring dinosaurs like Triceratops, Velociraptor, and the terrifying Tyrannosaurus rex, this hands-on program allows people the opportunity to touch fossils and fossil replicas that belonged to their favorite extinct animals.



Exhibits and Rentals

Custom Exhibits

Whether it's anthropology, dinosaurs, Ice Age, marine fossils, Wisconsin history, or something else entirely, Colossal Fossils can create a custom exhibit for your library. Based on a monthly rental, let us work with you to create a unique, one-of-a-kind exhibit that will bring many visitors to your library.



Pricing

2019's pricing seems to have worked well. We know budgets can be tight these days, so Colossal Fossils wants to try its best to ensure that our programs are affordable for libraries in Wisconsin. We also want to grow too, so that we can offer more programs in the years to come. The following matrix includes pricing for all our summer programs. Please note that we will have to add travel costs with most of our programs. Our hope is that this is not confusing. If it is, please contact our executive director, David Daniels, directly. He likes to talk on the phone at 715-303-9407.

Basic Package

One 1-hour program (your choice)
\$400 plus travel costs

Explorer Package

Two 1-hour programs (your choice)
\$500 plus travel costs
(Programs must within 3 hrs. of one another)

Discovery Package

Four 1-hour programs (your choice)
Includes "Esther" skeleton during program duration
\$1,000 plus travel costs

Multiple Library Packages

(For libraries that are within 30-45 minutes of one another)

Two libraries in one day (includes *Basic Package*)
\$350 each plus split travel costs

Three libraries in one day (includes *Basic Package*)
\$300 each (We eat the travel costs)

Regional Packages

If many libraries (10 or more) in a region are interested in our programs, let's talk. We did it this past summer in Southeast Wisconsin, and it worked well. Additional discounts are available.

Contact Information

To book a program, the best way to get in contact with us is to either call Executive Director, David Daniels at 715-303-9407 or email info@colossalfossils.com.



Early Bird Pricing

Book a 2020 Summer Library Program with Colossal Fossils by January 1st, 2020 and get a 10% discount off any program's base price.

If You're Bored, Read This

Last spring, during one of our programs, I noticed a young girl who was crying. I have two children of my own, and so, when I saw her, I became very concerned. When I asked her what was wrong, she looked up at me, and gave me a huge smile. She said, "Nothing is wrong. This is the best day of my life! I got to touch dinosaur bones!"

This is not the first time that I have experienced something like this. In fact, I see it often. That's why Colossal Fossils exists. We are here to give kids opportunities. For those of you who have worked with us in the past, you'll know what I am talking about. We are passionate about our programs. We are nerds. We live and breathe history. We do it so we can teach and inspire the next generation. In 1969, Americans walked on the Moon. We want to give kids the inspirational spark that will allow them to do equally amazing things. We are here to give hope, and help jump-start their path to becoming engineers, astronauts, geologists, mathematicians, and more. The future lies with them.

My final note: I recommend booking early with us. Last year, our summer schedule was full by mid-January, and we had to turn many libraries away, unfortunately. We traveled to forty different locations, but this year, our hope is to accommodate sixty libraries.

I wish you all the best and I look forward to working with you.

Most Sincerely,



David J. Daniels
Executive Director, Colossal Fossils Inc.

