Imagination Station’s KeyBank Discovery Theater

In 2020, Toledo’s Science Center will open its first-ever expansion to the building. The new addition will include new retail space, concessions area, entrance and lobby, and house the KeyBank Discovery Theater.

The theater will be an exciting new learning world for Imagination Station, offering visitors a new opportunity to discover, explore and learn more about our world. Families, young adults, lifelong learners, school groups, travelers and businesses soon will enjoy this new space for education and entertainment in downtown Toledo.

Endless Opportunities Await

- The KeyBank Discovery Theater will be a premium, large-format multipurpose venue, offering unique perspectives and immersive learning experiences not available in other formats.

- The theater will be equipped to show large-screen format films, traditional and 3D films, and project television, presentations, video games and more.

- This new venue will expand Imagination Station’s benefit for people of all ages and interests and provide increased access to a variety of Science, Technology, Engineering Arts and Math (STEAM) topics not easily accessible in other formats.
  - Coming attractions include:
    - Educational films and documentaries spanning a wide variety of categories, such as science, nature, geography, adventure and wildlife
    - Guest lectures combined with an immersive film
    - Feature film nights and seasonal family movie nights
    - Live feeds from major national and international events and locations
    - Video gaming tournaments and film festivals
    - Business presentations and training events
    - Public meetings and special events
  - In addition, special access and programming will be available for third-grade students in Toledo Public Schools, sponsored by KeyBank.

- The science center’s new store will be an exciting new location for local residents and out-of-town visitors to find a variety of souvenirs and unique gifts.
  - Summit St. access
  - Building, experimenting and learning kits
  - Science- and technology-inspired household goods, clothing and accessories
  - Jewelry, paintings, sculptures and other items from local artisans

Project Timeline

- December 12, 2018  Imagination Station announces first-ever expansion to the science center
- June 5, 2019  Ground broken on new addition
- December 18, 2019  Topping Out Ceremony
- Summer 2020  Imagination Station’s KeyBank Discovery Theater opens to public
Construction Details

- The 8,200-square-foot expansion to the science center includes the KeyBank Discovery Theater and new concessions area, lobby and retail space.

- Imagination Station is committed to using local partners wherever possible. Local architecture firm, The Collaborative designed the space, and Toledo-based Lathrop is leading construction and working with local union trades.

- Imagination Station remains open during construction and access to the underground concourse leading to the science center from the Vistula Parking Garage is also open.

- By the numbers:
  - The steel used in the structure, laid end-to-end would stretch approximately 3,000 feet.
  - The beam lifted into place today is 22 feet long and weighs nearly 500 pounds. It is part of the projection room roof and is among the highest beams in the project at 42 feet above the finish floor.
  - The largest beam placed in the project is 32 feet long and weighs nearly 13,000 pounds.
  - More than 12,000 masonry blocks have been laid for the theater’s walls.
  - 156 construction workers have contributed over 15,000 hours to the project to date.
  - The theater’s screen stretches 58 feet wide and 31 feet high.
  - The KeyBank Discovery Theater will have a 278-person seating capacity.

Funding

- The theater is an investment of more than $10.5 million.
- $1 million in state funding has been secured for the project. The remaining funds were raised through private sources, most notably from KeyBank, the marquee donor.
- The Science Society, a collection of community members who support STEM education, contributed to the fundraising for this project.
- No levy funds are being used for the theater expansion.

Learn more at www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/KeyBankTheater