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The Education Department has continued to see growth through programming. As we approach the opening of the first purpose-built classroom on campus, we look back at all that has been accomplished in the last two years.

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Program Priorities

School Year 2024-2025 had additional priorities from previous years:

- Integrate game play and kinesthetic learning into more programming
- Streamline registration and transparent communication about navigating campus during expansion
- Expansion of exclusive member programming

School Year 2025-2026 priorities centered around Warnock Building and the campus expansion:

- Align programs with existing and new exhibits

- Evaluate registration methods and transition to new software.

Analytics

Education aligns analytic reporting to the school year, September to August. From one reporting year to the next categories shifted as topics were grouped in more coherent ways. Some changes made in this reporting period were to move docent tours, meet and greets, and vessel talks to paid staff. This came along with a small fee for each of these offerings. Volunteers now can pick a gallery to focus on for Gallery Docent work instead of being asked to lead a guided tour of 45 minutes. Map Orientations are now offered as a shift time, instead of trying to schedule them around a group's ever-shifting arrival times. Vessel Talks have low request numbers but when offered they require use of A/V equipment that is operated by the Education crew.

Since School Year 2022-2023, there have been 7 year-round positions (5 full time and 2 part time) and 1 seasonal position in the EDU Department. The Volunteer Program has also greatly expanded and is utilized heavily for Lightship Engine Room Tours, Gallery Docents, Map Orientations, and the EDU Cart.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Lightship Engine Room Tours		4,969	9,490
Docent tours	4,017	-	327
Gallery Docent	-	4,278	2,083
Meet & Greet	1,879	1,058	910
EDU Cart	903	1,586	1,158
Map Orientations	-	-	5,267
Boat Rentals	933	477	244
BMC Shop	540	657	725
Volunteer – Training & Enrichment	420	392	401
Adult EDU Lectures	710	1,225	519
Adult EDU Workshops	450	321	156
Senior Enrichment Program	795	1,274	1,193
MITS	9,564	9,515	11,176
Outreach	1,802	1,756	1,742
Miniboats	499	1,304	1,405
Pond Programs	26	-	-
Learning Labs	2,800	1,953	1,846

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Public Programs	1,581	1,229	1,490
Total	26,919	31,954	40,128

From SY 2023-2024 to SY 2024-2025, there is a 18.7% increase in overall number of people interacted with.
From SY 2024-2025 to SY 2025-2026, there is a 25.5% increase in overall number of people interacted with.
From SY 2023-2024 to SY 2025-2026, there is a 49.06% increase in overall number of people interacted with.

Each line of programming has fluctuated in numbers of people interacted with, but the trends each month show greater numbers compared to the previous year. The graph below shows total monthly reach over these three school years.

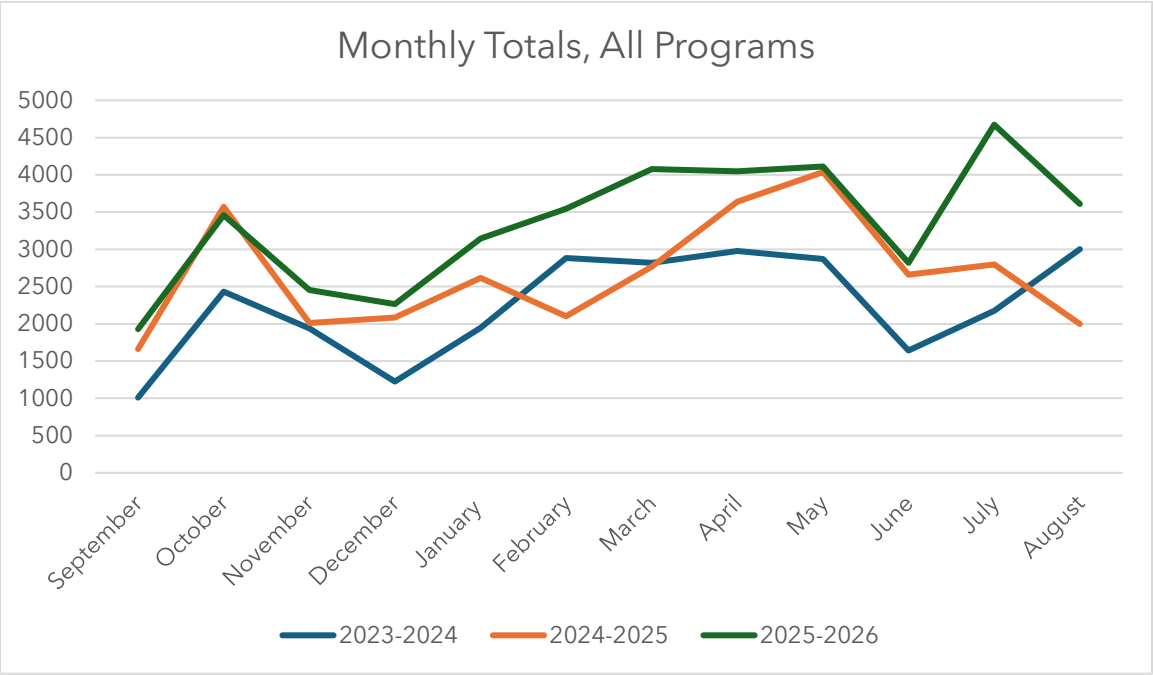

Figure 1 Total monthly reach of Education Department by school year (September - August)

Deep Dive

Adult Education

We have been regularly scheduling adult education offerings at CRMM for just over two years. The trend of one passive and one active adult educational offering each month has continued while also facilitating adult club offerings.

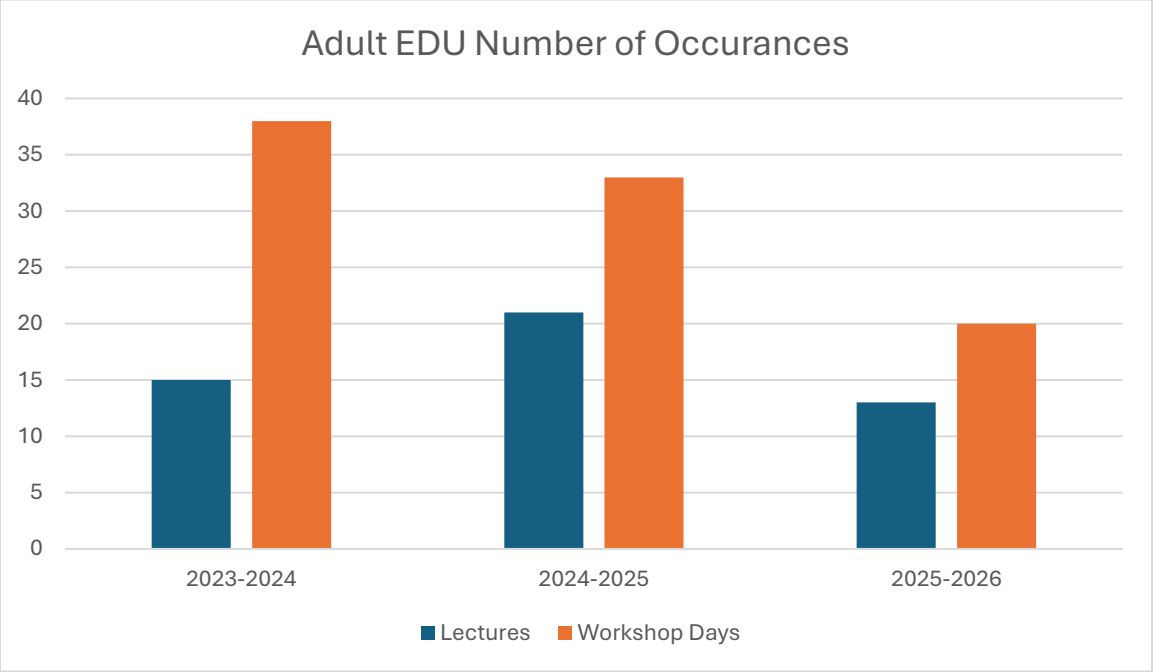

Figure 2 Number of Adult EDU offerings by school year

Lectures

The Past to Present lecture series continues to run for five or six weeks in January and February. The topics vary across STEAM disciplines. Past to Present 2024 welcomed 267 people. Past to Present 2025 welcomed 224, and 2026 welcomed 300 people, all across five weekly lectures.

Monthly lectures are also offered March to September. The rest of 2025 welcomed 243 people while 2026 welcomed 278 people. During this range of months only the Ford Room is used with 50 seats available.

Lectures offered during Past to Present are recorded, captioned, and posted to the museum's YouTube channel, while lectures throughout the year are only available live and in-person.

All Adult EDU Lectures are open to the public but require admission to the museum, or through registration to an evening event. For members, this means it is free and provides an additional opportunity to learn with our crew, while any patron can come and pay admission rates. In the one evening lecture that we offered in 2025-2026 had a member and non-member rate.

Image 1 Author Karl Marlantes presenting at Past to Present 2026.

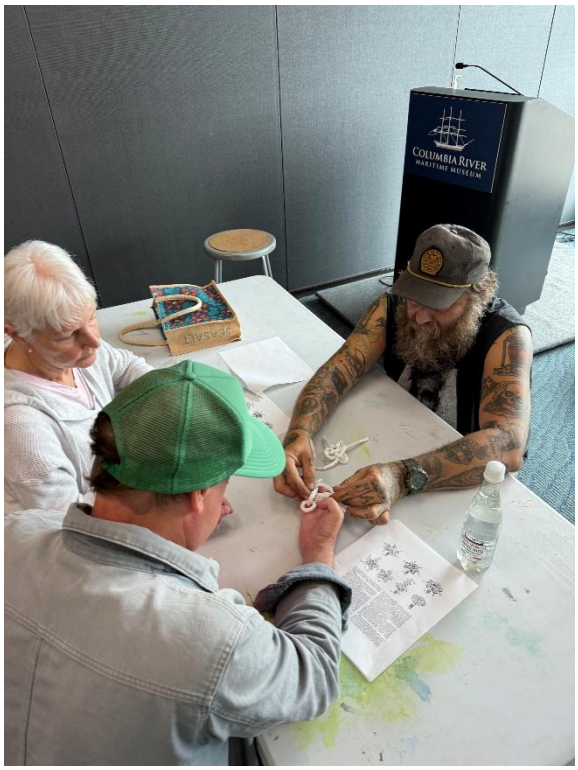

Image 2 Adult EDU Workshop: Intro to Fancywork combined maritime heritage with art. This workshop was one of the few hosted outside the Barbey Maritime Center. It was run in the Ford Room due to expansion construction.

Workshops

Along with Adult EDU Lectures, the planning of Adult EDU Workshops has seen consistent planning in the last two years. The offerings are a mix of woodworking and art.

New workshops offered in the last two years include Relief Stamp Print Making, Woodturning Lighthouse Tea Lights, Preserving Family History, and Intro to Fancywork.

Some workshops qualify for the Arts for All program that the Arts Council of Clatsop County facilitates. Workshops offering this allow $5 registration for participants with proof of a WIC or EBT card. Using funds from the 2025 kayak raffle, an Adult EDU Scholarship was started. This provides a seat in almost every workshop offering at half the member rate with no proof of need.

Senior Enrichment Program

This program continues to be a favorite of the community and has seen continued expansion. They are mostly offered as a combination of lecture and artifact observation. The topics continue to be decided through conversation centering around number of available artifacts eligible to be taken off site, how much content can be researched about it, and perceived general interest. Each month features a different topic and is taken to a variety of centers.

2024-2025 topics were: Navigating the Ocean; Scrimshaw; Rolf Klep, Founder of CRMM; Ferries; Shipwrecks; Valentines; Bar Pilots; Why Can't I Touch That?; Tillamook Rock

Lighthouse; History of Whaling; and Maritime Tattoos. Two centers came to the museum for tours during this year.

2025-2026 topics were: Fur Trade; Cargoes of the Columbia River; Columbia River Canneries and Immigration History; Shipwrecks on the Graveyard of the Pacific; Scrimshaw: Art of the Whaler; Columbia River Ferries; Warnock Building Preview and Exhibit Highlights; Games and their Connections to Maritime Heritage; and History of the Astoria Regatta. In Quarter 4 of 2025 the programs adjusted due to staff being on leave and featured the EDU Cart items offered within the museum. Since then, Warrenton Memory Care has received different programs from the other centers due to ability of their residents. A new site was added in 2026 in Multnomah County. Assumption Village hosted the museum in March and June under the agreement of quarterly visits.

That site addition brings the counties visited to Clatsop, Columbia, and Multnomah Counties in Oregon and Pacific County in Washington.

	# of offerings	# of people
09.2023-08.2024	121	733
09.2024-08.2025	96	1,274
09.2025-08.2026	83	1,193

Even with fewer visits, there are more residents coming to these programs. Each year a few months are taken off from facilitating this series of programs to allow time to research new topics.

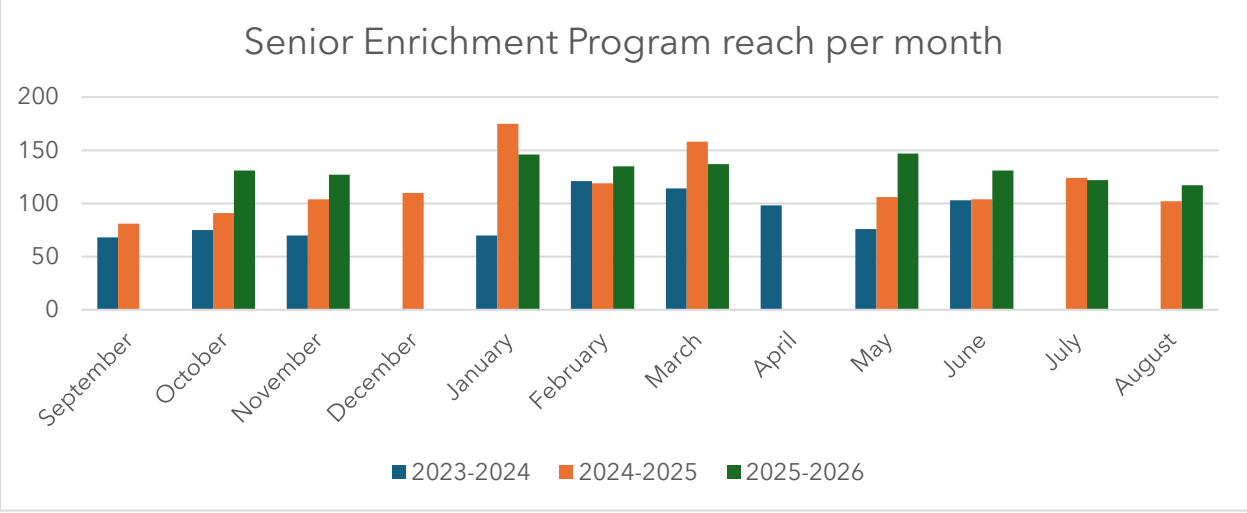

Figure 3 Senior Enrichment Program monthly visit headcounts. Months taken off: Dec. 2023, July and August 2024, April, September, and December 2025, April 2026.

Image 3 Senior Enrichment Program at Astoria Senior Center discussing Canneries.

Museum in the Schools (MITS)

MITS is Education Department's primary program for outreach in schools. Mainly focused on K-5th grade classrooms, each year four programs are developed and taught all year long. New in School year 2025-2026, the number of offered programs was dropped to three. This was a test to see if registration was completed as quickly and if more schools could be reached. Registration filled in 63 hours as opposed to 10 days, and we were able to schedule programming with more schools.

Teachers in nine counties can request a visit from our Field Educator, free of charge. Registration is first-come, first-serve and often fills in less than a month. With the program filling so fast, the Education Director and Museum Educator have also started assisting with facilitating these programs.

MITS continues to align with Social Science/Social Studies, Science/Next Generation Science Standards, and English Language Arts. Most also align with Tribal History, Shared History/Since Time Immemorial, Math, and Arts standards. The Field Educator's work week continues to be Tuesday through Saturday to allow for an office day or easier ability to move around hours so as to not get into overtime.

MITS topics by school year are on a rotation. One or two may be repeated from five years ago or longer while the rest are new creations. This allows youth to participate every year with fresh content and by the time a topic rolls back around the students will have aged out of elementary school.

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SY 2024-2025	*SY 2025-2026*	*SY 2026-2027*
Cedar	Volcanoes	Fog
Crossing the Bar	Migration	Coast Guard Aviation
Sturgeon	Buoys	Naming a Vessel
Sea Shanties	Careers (MS/HS only)	Careers (MS/HS only)
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Image 4 Youth playing an Education Department created board game involving migration

While we wish we could send MITS to all classrooms who are interested in hosting, only nine counties are eligible. It typically caps drive time at 2 hours one way.

Oregon Counties: Clatsop, Tillamook, Columbia, Washington, and Multnomah.
Total youth served in Oregon in School Year 2024-2025: 6,340
Total youth served in Oregon in School Year 2025-2026: 7,305

Washington Counties: Pacific, Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, and Clark
Total youth served in Washington in School Year 2024-2025: 3,573
Total youth served in Washington in School Year 2025-2026: 3,989

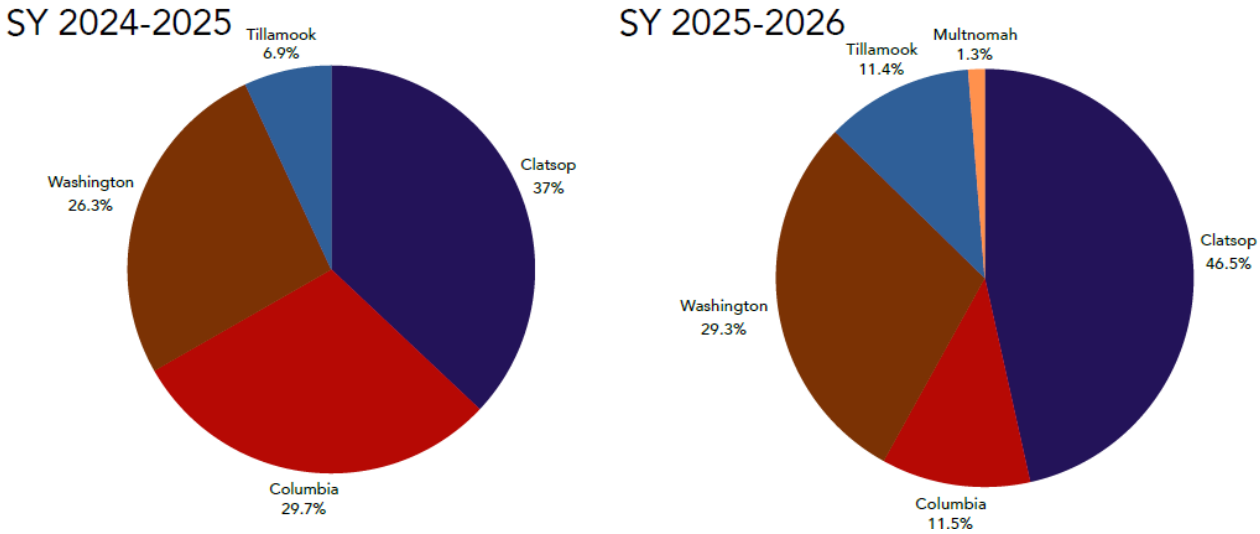

Figure 4 Oregon counties hosting MITS in School year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026

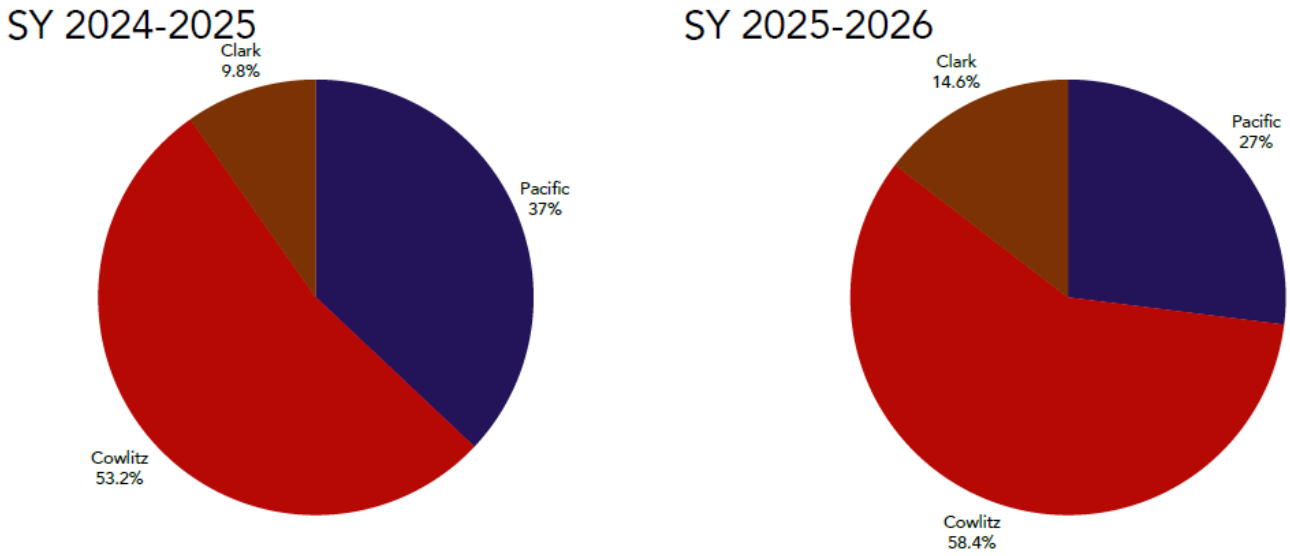

Figure 5 Washington counties hosting MITS in School year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

When looking at what classrooms host MITS most often, School Year 2024-2025 in Oregon skews heavily to 3rd grade visits and a solid amount of TK (Pre-school) visits. Looking at School Year 2025-2026 in Oregon these even out with more combination classrooms being seen and more middle and high school classrooms hosting. Combination classrooms are those that see two or more grades in a room (1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, etc). These are not universally common and highly dependent on the school's location and surrounding population.

Both school years show 2nd and 5th grades as the leading MITS host classroom.

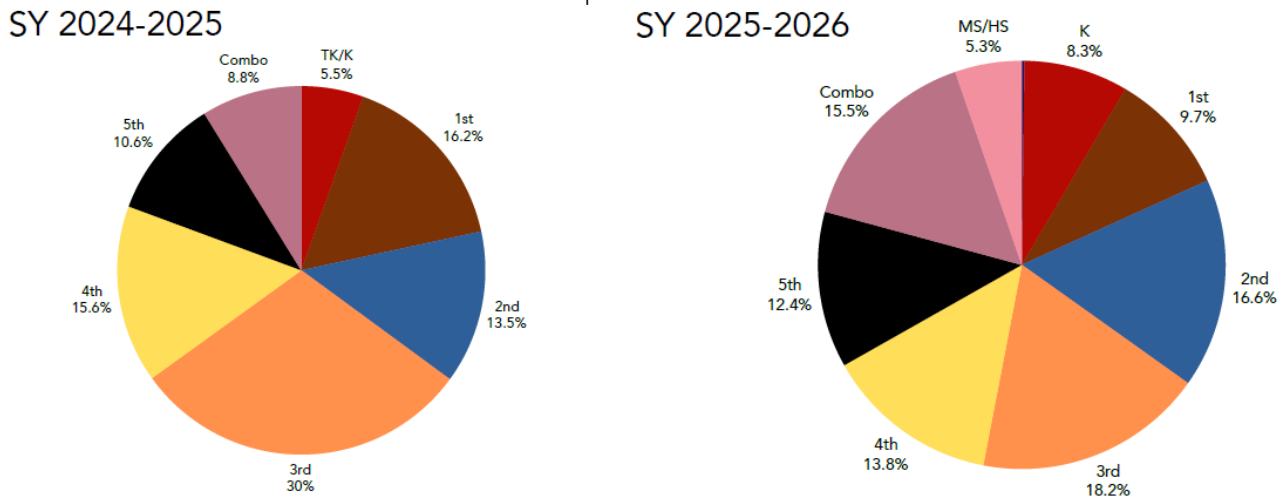

Figure 6 Oregon classrooms hosting MITS by grade level in School Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

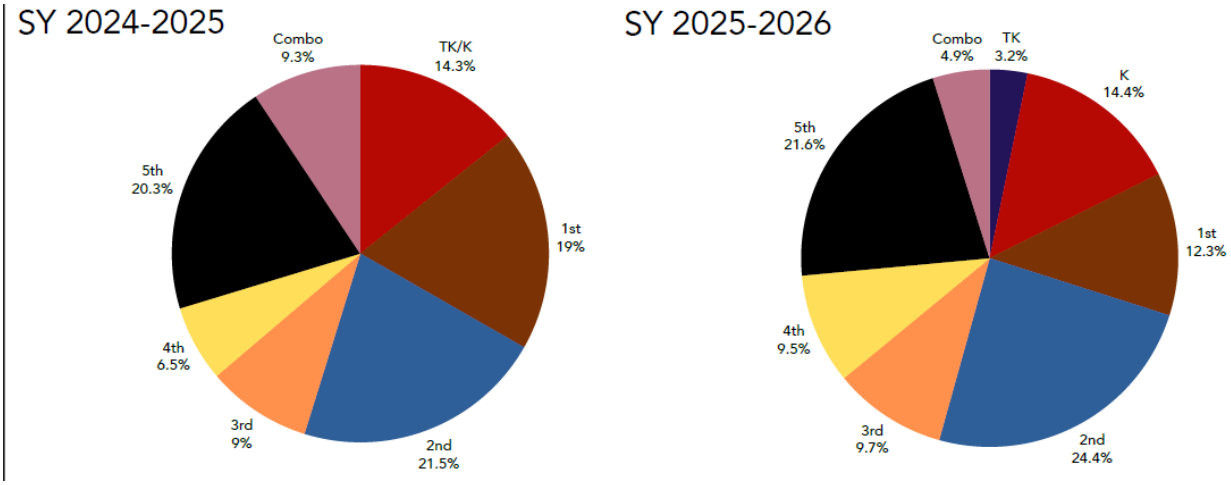

Figure 7 Washington classrooms hosting MITS by grade in School Year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.

Learning Labs

Learning Labs are on-site programs for schools led by one of our educators. Typically, they include an interactive lesson paired with an activity or craft. Schools can add on a variety of different items based on their budget and time restrictions. Learning Labs still tend to see mostly elementary schools; however, there has been movement to diversify this and welcome more combination classrooms and homeschool groups.

	Elementary Schools	Middle Schools	High Schools	Homeschool / Combination
School Year 2024-2025				
Oregon	80.2%	6.4%	4.6%	8.8%

Washington	100%	0	0	0
School Year 2025-2026				
Oregon	67.4%	15.8%	2.7%	14.1%
Washington	63.8%	20.3%	0	15.9%

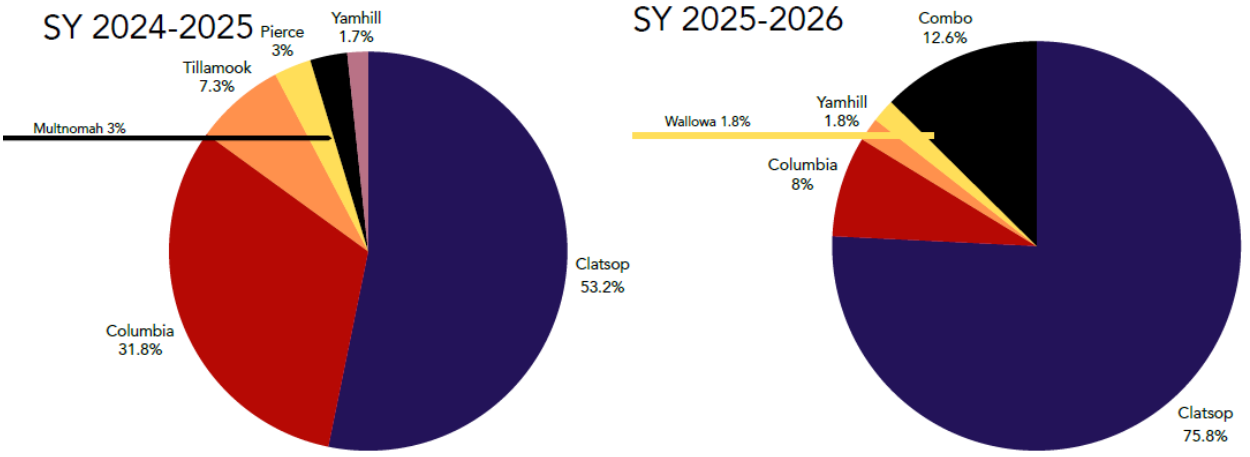

Figure 8 Oregon schools visiting by county in SY 2024 - 2025 and SY 2025 – 2026.

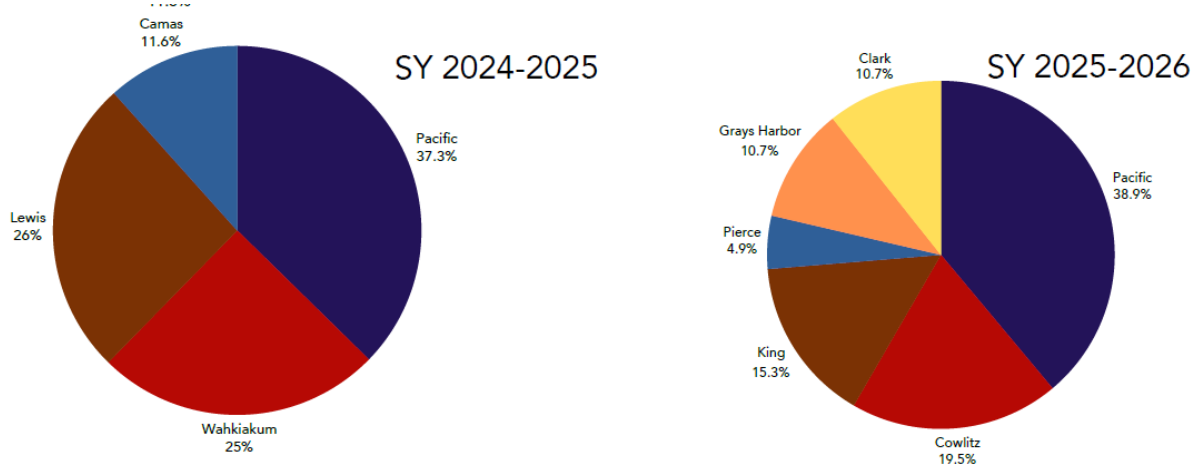

Figure 9 Washington schools visiting by county in SY 2024 – 2025 and SY 2025 – 2026.

There continues to be at least one option of Learning Lab for all grade levels. There were conversations and research/planning done during this biennium for college level Learning Labs; however, they have not been rolled out at this point. Each school year the result of the Simulated Grey Whale Necropsy was changed to reflect the real reasons scientists cited as causes of death.

In School Year 2025-2026, the Education Department ran a few test classes for Cedar, a new lab to be offered in School Year 2026-2027. We also hosted the first Maritime Career Day

on campus in May 2026. Middle School Students from three Clatsop County schools and one homeschool co-op were welcomed to campus for a several hour program featuring six career stations with the option to eat lunch and visit the museum with a career scavenger hunt afterward. The six industry partners were the Columbia River Bar Pilots, Oregon SeaGrant, Oregon State University Seafood Lab, Clatsop Community College – MERTS Campus, U.S. Coast Guard Cutter ELM, and Shaver Transportation. Over half of the students marked that they were more interested in a career in the maritime industry after the day. It is our hope to run this program annually and expand to reach more youth. In this inaugural year students came from Knappa Middle School, Astoria Middle School, Seaside Middle School, and Steadfast Homeschooling Co-op.

Image 5 Students engage with a Cedar Tree Cookie during one of the test sessions for this Learning Lab.

Learning Lab offerings

Lighthouses of the Pacific Northwest (K - 12th) – Blue
Simulated Gray Whale Necropsy (2nd - 5th) – Red
Introduction to Underwater Robotics (4th - 12th) – Orange
Economics of Trade (4th - 12th) – Brown
Shark Dissections (6th - 12th) – Blue
History of Immigration (9th - 12th) – Yellow ('24-'25) & N/A ('25-'26)
Maritime Career Day (6^{th} – 8^{th}) – Black
Cedar Testing (2^{nd} – 8^{th}) – Yellow ('25-'26)

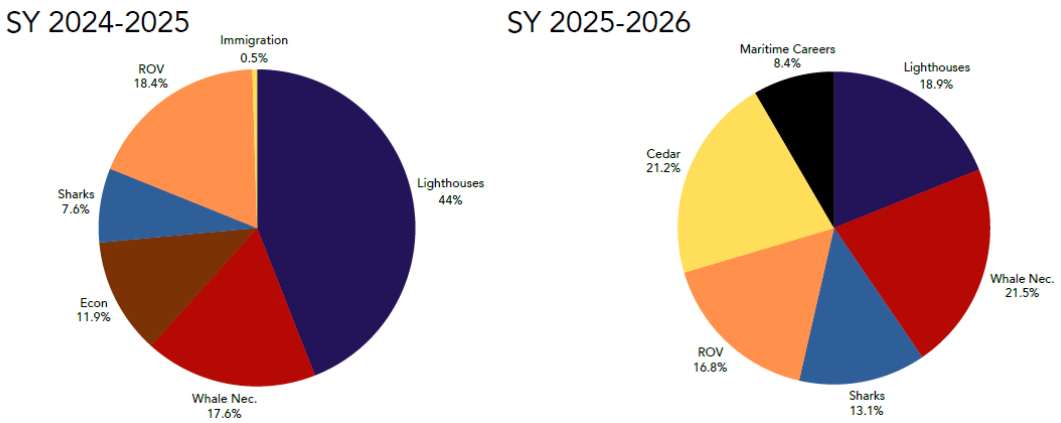

Figure 10 Learning Lab selection breakdown by school year for schools coming from Oregon.

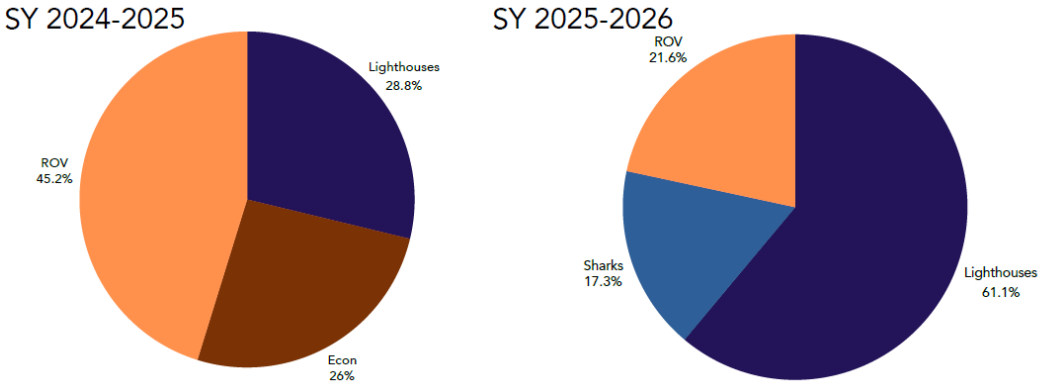

Figure 11 Learning Lab selection breakdown by school year for schools coming from Washington

Miniboats

The Columbia River Maritime Museum Miniboat Program is a free multidisciplinary STEAM learning experience for 4th- to 6th-grade classes in Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon. The program was formed in 2017, paused for a year during school year 2022-2023, and then re-launched with 1 – 2 boats per semester. The CRMM Miniboat Program is a partnership with Educational Passages' Miniboat Program.

CRMM's Boat Educator visits two classrooms for 10 weekly lessons covering general maritime learning, latitude/longitude, currents, traditional boat building, learning about cultures around the world, and lots of kinesthetic learning. The 11th weekly visit is the christening ceremony with much pomp and circumstance. Then the boat is turned over to its deployer to be sent into the Pacific Ocean. In the following three months, the class will receive monthly visits to continue learning about the Pacific Ocean and the abundance of cultures the vessel may sail past or interact with. Each launched miniboat is equipped with a GPS that classes will follow for up to two years!

In these last two years, we launched seven more miniboats into the Pacific. We work to vary where the host classrooms are geographically located. In School Year 2024-2025, the Miniboat Program was hosted at Barnes Elementary in Kelso, WA; Gaston Elementary in Gaston, OR; and Pacific Ridge Elementary in Seaside, OR. In School Year 2025-2026, this was hosted at Barnes Elementary and Wallace Elementary in Kelso, WA; Lewis and Clark Elementary in Astoria, OR; and Ocean Park Elementary in Ocean Park, WA.

Image 6 M/B Survivor with the building classroom during its christening.

We continue to be thankful for the partnerships through this program including NYK, Educational Passages, well as elected officials across NW Oregon and SW Washington. This program remains FREE to the schools and is not possible without generous financial support.

On-site Public Programs

Programs offered on-site and open to any patron visiting or member have expanded over the past two years. School Breaks continue to see the highest engagement with these kinds of programs.

Spring Break 2025 and 2026 offered three weeks of daily programming. Staff facilitated 4 – 5 days, while volunteers covered other items to offer a full 7 days of programming. Week 1 was during Oregon Spring Break and Week 3 was during some Washington Spring Breaks. We opted to run programming during the middle week for ease of marketing verbiage. After the completion of the three weeks, education staff sat down to debrief what worked, what could

be improved upon, and comments heard by staff, volunteers, and patrons. Based on this feedback, we adjusted the times, days of the week, and number of days items offered for future school break calendars. We have held one day guaranteed to have no programming so all education staff can be on site to collaborate and spend time together.

Spring Break 2025 (3 weeks) reached 538 people

Spring Break 2026 (3 weeks) reached 407 people

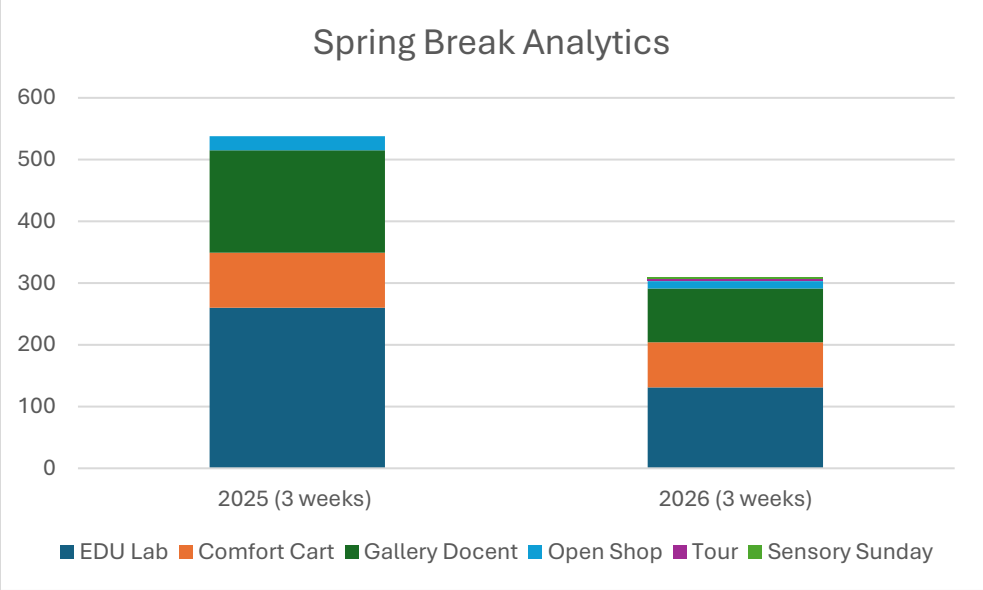

Figure 12 Comparing Spring Break 2025 to 2026.

During Spring Break 2026 there were many more options available, which were led by staff interests. Museum visitation has fluctuated and the feeling from staff observations was that we saw less engagement because less people were in the museum. Self-guided options continue to be a widely popular addition. During school breaks, the Ford Room hosts a drop-in space with coloring, scavenger hunts, B/B *Sea Reads*, and a place to sit and recharge. Lightship *Columbia*'s Second Deck gets a scavenger hunt based on historic images or artifacts that guests can hunt for while aboard.

Summer Break mirrors Spring Break with the type and timing of offerings. The topics selected are left to the crew members facilitating. The department enjoys a wide range of interests, and the programs reflect that. Many times, summer programs are a dry run of programs being offered during the school year to allow staff to practice and prep ahead of the school year.

Summer 2025 and 2026 were flipped on which year saw more people. The offerings were virtually the same with some minor timing adjustments as well as new topics. Summer 2025 saw a total of 2,712 through Education Crew facilitated programs. Summer 2026 saw a total of 3,331 through Education Crew facilitated programs.

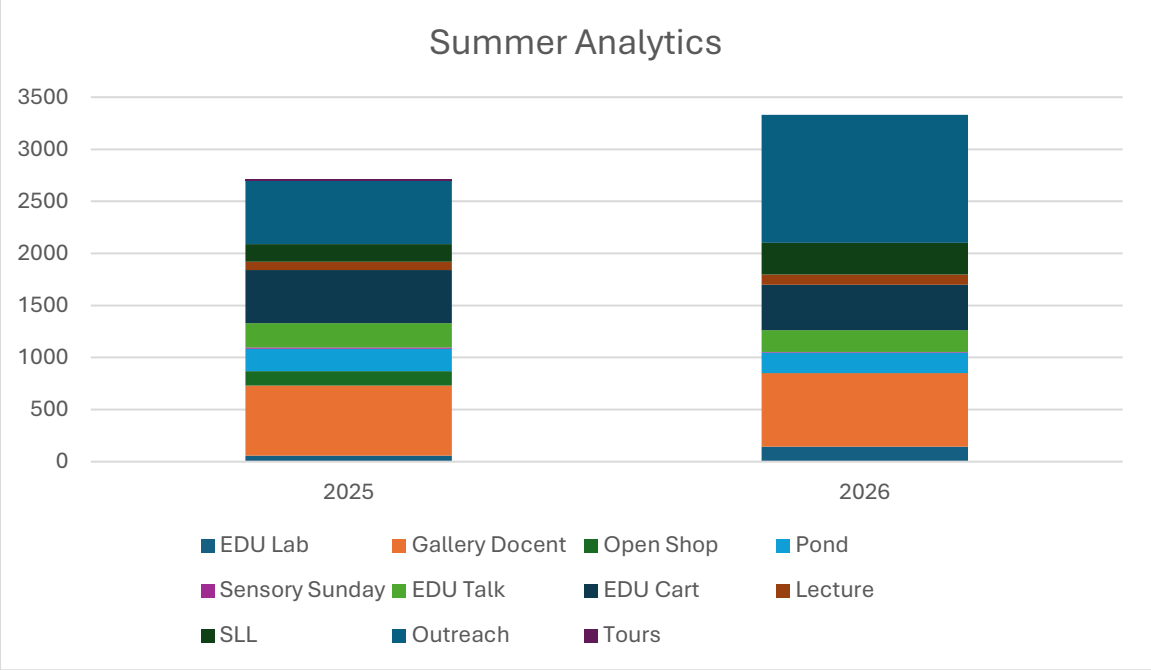

Figure 13 Comparing by program numbers for Summer 2025 and 2026

School Year 2024-2025 continued some smaller holiday celebrations but based on staff interests these offerings shifted towards guided tours on a more regular basis. The tours saw people coming specifically for that event, while at the holiday celebrations often were someone happened to be there on the day of that offering. The museum has continued to participate in the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association Trick or Treat event.

Sensory Sunday continues to offer a once-a-month low sensory time at the museum where audio is turned off or the volume is lowered in exhibits. There is a self-regulation station that consists of foam flooring, soft blanket, bean bag chair, B/B Sea Reads Book Boat, sensory bins, matching tiles, and fidgets. Most of the time this space is in the Ford Room with lowered lights and the window blinds down to provide a low light area to relax and self-soothe. While this program is intended for those patrons who could benefit from a calmer space to visit the museum, it is open to everyone. It runs from 9:30 – 11:00 AM on the first Sunday of each month except January, July, and December. These hours were identified as lower visitation and would cause the least disruption for patrons coming to visit.

Homeschool Days ran semi-annually during this biennium. The structure of these days remains similar despite program content changing each time. Each offering typically involves a seated and facilitated class, activities through the galleries with a trifold, an optional space for lunch, and add on opportunities to see Lightship *Columbia* or a 3D movie. April 2025 centered around commerce on the Columbia River, September 2025 focused on Cedar and

Sea and Indigenous people of the region, and April 2026 was about rescue and survival at sea. This program sees some repeat participants but also engages new groups of people.

Image 7 Homeschool participants play a custom board game featuring Coast Guard assets in the museum collection.

In the Community Outreach

We consistently receive community requests for outreach from the museum education crew. The number of requests exceeds the staff availability each summer. To balance workloads, we only offer outreach on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. These are filled

quickly by libraries, festivals, and summer schools/camps. We also receive requests throughout the year, although in fewer numbers.

Image 8 Museum Educator chats with Tillamook County 4th graders at Tillamook Estuary Partnership's 2026 Children's Clean Water Festival

We know it is hard for people to make it to the museum. We make an effort to collaborate with schools and organizations across the region we serve (nine counties) throughout the year. This also applies to who facilitates outreaches, it is not solely the responsibilty of the Field Educator. There is an effort to spread these out so that all staff are going out into the community with a buddy educator so it is not left to one person

Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program this biennium has prioritized taking space for reflection and making intentional changes to improve volunteer experience at CRMM. The Volunteer Program has seen new people join each year; however, in these last two years with our campus expansion so visible, more people are interested in joining us than ever. This has led to a reconfiguration of the Volunteer Coordinator position, which previously coordinated groups visiting the museum too.

There continues to be at least one learning opportunity and enrichment trip each month along with the volunteer newsletter. There are also a handful of volunteer celebrations throughout the year and the Order of the Golden Anchor to recognize all the hard work of the

Volunteer Crew. The free Ensign Membership continues to be a perk for volunteers who meet the minimum hour criteria.

In School Year 2024-2025, volunteer enrichment opportunities included: Curator-led walk-through of 'This is Our Place', Visit to Pacific Coast Cranberry Museum, Garibaldi Maritime Museum, Curator-led walk-through of 'Cedar and Sea', Holiday gathering, Clatskanie Castle (Flippin House), Carriage Museum Field Trip, Fort Clatsop Field Trip, Hanthorn Cannery Field Trip, Florence Finch Tour, Gnat Creek Hatchery, USCG *Eagle* Tour, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Lightship Fireworks, Curator-led Boat Hall Tour, Regatta Parade, Port of Longview Tour, Dock Walk with OSU, Pier 39 150th celebration, and an Education Director-led Lightship tour.

2024-2025 Trainings offered included: Docent Training (Spring & Fall), Lightship, General Volunteer Orientation, EDU Cart huddle, Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, Boat Pond Training, Cedar and Sea EDU Cart, Lightship Deck Docent Training, Lightship Listening Sessions

Image 9 Volunteer Tour of Hanthorn Cannery

In School Year 2025-2026, volunteer enrichment opportunities included: Past to Present/Adult EDU Lectures, Willapa Seaport Museum, Curatorial Beach Cleanup, Annual Meeting, Bornstein Seafood tour, Holiday cocoa & movie, Tin to Table tour at Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum, MHRC Collections Tour, Knappton Cove Heritage Center tour, Columbia

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Coast Viewing, Warnock Building tour, USCG Air Station tour, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Fireworks on Lightship, OSU Seafood Lab tour

2025-2026 trainings offered included: Docent training (Spring & Fall), Bloomberg Connects, Vol. Orientation, Museum Store Meeting

There are three main appreciation offerings for Volunteers now – recognizing National Volunteer Week (April) with a card and small gift, the Appreciation Dinner in early summer with catered dinner and award presentations, and around the winter holidays with treats and a small gift. Throughout the year volunteers can be recognized by staff, other volunteers, or the public through the Order of the Golden Anchor.

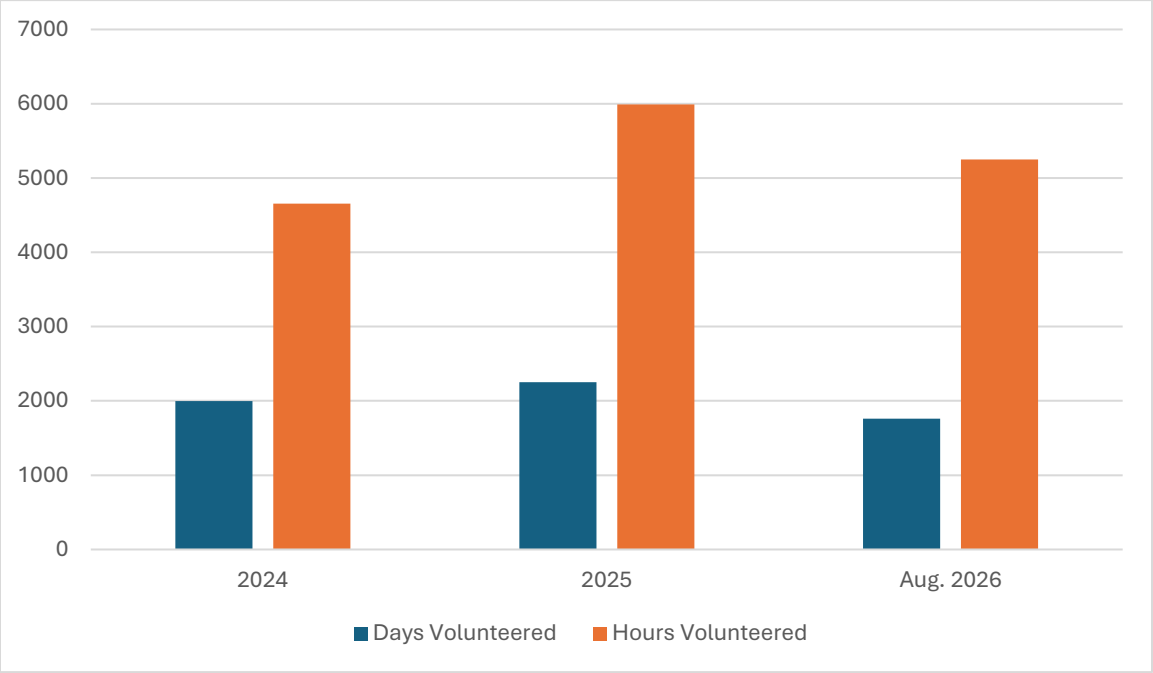

Figure 14 In 2024 volunteer days equated to 1,999 and 4,655.39 hours. In 2025 this equates to 2,253 days and 5,992.8 hours. Through August 2026 1,759 days and 5,247.83 hours logged.

In preparation for the campus expansion work to be completed, the Volunteer Program made an extra effort to do volunteer recruitment. Needs were identified in the categories of Museum Store, Gallery Docent, EDU Cart, Doghouse Docent, Engine Room Docents. During late winter and early spring 2026, five presentations were given to work towards recruiting the 22 additional volunteers we anticipated needing to support the expansion. Starting 2026 there were 58 active volunteers, those we saw regularly, with that number increasing to 71 by the end of August 2026. There are additional folks interested in volunteering once Fireboat *David Campbell* opens to the public.

Program Glossary

Adult Education

Lectures typically run for one hour with an exception if it is a documentary viewing or partnered with an after-hours food or drink tasting. These are typically during the day and do not require registration or additional fees beyond admission costs. After-hours events, or those with drinks, tend to have registration fees. Members are free to attend at no charge, by simply showing their membership card at the front gate.

Workshops range from a few hours to full days, and some are a few days. During this biennium workshops occurred in the Sam Johnson Woodworking Shop and West multi-purpose side of Barbey Maritime Center. Members get priority registration and a discount on nearly every workshop.

There are three free club offerings for adults to participate in with two being drop-in style and one requiring registration. Carving Club is offered every Thursday from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, Rug Hooking Club is offered twice monthly on Wednesdays from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, and Maritime Mat Weaving Club is offered every other Saturday from 10:00 AM – 12 Noon October through March. Maritime Mat Weaving Club requires registration due to public demand and limited space.

Senior Enrichment Program is offered to ten facilities across four counties. Each month is a different topic that combines lecture delivery and artifacts not currently on display. There are a few centers that vary from this model based on resident ability level and staff availability.

Museum in the Schools (MITS)

CRMM travels to each school with all the materials needed for a pop-up program in a classroom. This program is free to schools thanks to generous donations.

K-5th Track offers three to four programs each school year with special permission for TK classrooms. Topics will not be repeated before five years so classrooms can participate every year without fear of students having seen it before. Clatsop County schools can host with a minimum of three classrooms; all other counties must have a minimum of four classrooms participate to host.

Middle and High School Track offers one program a school year. Classrooms get to decide which careers are featured so the program can return multiple times if the interest to hear about other careers is there. Current recorded interviews available feature U.S. Coast Guard, Columbia River Bar Pilots, Longshoremen, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Tugboat Operator.

Learning Labs

Schools travel to CRMM for facilitated learning time, including a visit to the exhibits. A space for on-site lunch is possible with an early enough request. We offer programming for grades K-12th! This program is $100 per lab rotation for all schools outside of Clatsop County. Schools within Clatsop County receive free Learning Labs.

Summer Learning Labs are available for groups visiting the museum, which are typically camps or other organized youth-centered programs. Topics are different than those offered during the school year to assure no youth has a chance of having seen the program before. Pricing is $100 for the program, admission to the museum, and space to eat.

Miniboats

CRMM travels to the school for ten consecutive weeks for facilitated classes. The classrooms work to build and design a 4.5-foot uncrewed vessel. Week Eleven is the christening ceremony then the vessel is launched into the Pacific Ocean. Post-launch there are three monthly visits to track and continue conversations about cultures around the Pacific. This program is free to schools thanks to generous donations and grant funds.

On-Site Public Programs

Sensory Sunday is offered the first Sunday monthly except January, July, and December from 9:30 – 11:00 AM. The audio in the exhibits is turned off or the volume is lowered in addition to a facilitated craft or activity. There is a scholarship fund to cover admission for anyone wanting to participate. No requirements are needed to receive the scholarship. There are no additional fees to participate beyond admission.

Homeschool Day runs twice annually and is open to youth ages 6 – 17. These offerings have adjusted each time based on feedback provided in surveys. Every person participating (youth and adults) is $8 per person. This allows them into the museum all day, all the program offerings, and a discount on education items in the store. A movie or lightship visit can be added too.

Holiday celebrations occur throughout the year and often are a one day only program. Each offering is aligned to the holiday, so all are unique! No additional fees to participate after admission is paid.

Sam Johnson Woodworking Shop at Barbey Maritime Center is open for visitors to step inside the old train depot to see how this space is utilized as a workshop for Carving Club, Weaving Club, Rug Hooking Club and Adult EDU Workshops. We work to have the shop open when Astoria Yacht Club races on our pond on Sundays in the spring and summer months. No fees or admission required.

School Break options are available for patrons visiting the museum. There are no additional fees to participate in after admission or membership cards are shown.

Education Department Biennium

EDU Lab: Games and crafts are offered with the assistance of educational crew members. This drop-in time allows flexibility for those on vacation. Some games were purchased, and some were created by our crew! Both game and craft offerings can be adapted to multiple abilities and learning levels.

EDU Talk: Short talks of up to 20 minutes about maritime subjects.

Gallery Docent: a volunteer docent spends time in one gallery space offering information complimentary to that of the displayed panels.

EDU Cart: Hands-on, in-gallery learning about select topics. Current topics include: Lighthouses, Cargoes of the Columbia, Cedar and Sea, and Personal Flotation Devices.

Comfort Cart: contains comfort items for visitors during their visit including noise dampening headphones, EnChroma Colorblind Correcting Glasses, Spanish Audio Tour of two exhibits, and more.

R/C Sailboat Rentals: available at the Warnock Model Boat Pond and no admission to the museum required. Donations appreciated when checking out a boat. May – August only.

All day, every day: Coloring sheets, scavenger hunts, & books in the Ford Room + scavenger hunts around the Accommodation deck on Lightship *Columbia*.

Group Visits

Any group of people consisting of at least ten people can fill out a registration and submit payment at least 7 days in advance in exchange for a per person discount. School classrooms visiting without a facilitated Learning Lab are also welcome to register through this offering too. Available seven days a week, year-round.

Many fee-based add-on options are available for groups including:

3D movie viewing for $5 per person regardless of age

Scavenger Hunt with Images only, Images and Fill-in, or Crossword Puzzle ($10)

Vessel Talk - 20-30 minutes ($15)
Geared for Cruise Ship visitors, the topic of the talk is selected by the facilitator but will be selected from: What's in that ship, Cape Disappointment Lighthouse, History of Lightships, or the History of CRMM.

Guided tour in spoken English - 45 minutes ($25)

Guided tactile tour in spoken English - 45 minutes ($25)

Meet and Greet at Entry Chart - 15 minutes ($10)

Lunch at Warnock Model Boat Pond - Access to bathroom, trash can, model boats, and CRMM Crewmember ($25) non-refundable

In the Community Outreach

CRMM education crew will travel to festivals, gatherings, or community organizations as requests can be facilitated. We work to integrate a maritime thread into the host organization theme. These take many forms - sometimes history lectures, overview of the museum or education department, or hands-on learning or activities. These are typically free, but donations are appreciated.

Volunteer Program

Volunteers work in all aspects of the museum based on their interests and abilities. Both patron facing and in the background have opportunities for regular engagement. Interested people should look on the website and contact volunteer(at)crmm(dot)org for more information. There is an application, brief chat with the Volunteer Coordinator, and a background check run ahead of getting started.

Volunteer position titles:

Barbey Maritime Center Shop Volunteer

Cruise Ship Greeter

Curatorial Archives or Collections Volunteer

EDU Cart Docent

Fireboat *David Campbell* Docent (NEW)

Fireboat *David Campbell* Engine Room Docent (NEW)

Gallery Docent

Lightship *Columbia* Docent

Lightship *Columbia* Engine Room Docent

Lobby Docent

Museum Facilities Volunteer

Museum Office Volunteer

Museum Store Volunteer

Warnock Model Boat Pond Volunteer