

VANDALISM INCIDENT AT RPM

July 12, 2016 — Shortly after 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, the Reading Public Museum experienced vandalism to its traveling exhibition, Dinosaurs Around the World: Passport to Pangea. The animatronic Spinosaurus, located outside of The Museum, was discovered with missing fingers, teeth, partial tail and damage to the dinosaur's sail.

The Museum's security camera footage captured the vandals, three young males, climbing onto the Spinosaurus causing the damages. Due to the damages, the dinosaur's animatronic feature will be disabled until further repaired. Other than the Spinosaurus, the rest of the exhibit will remain open with all animatronic features fully functional and operating.

“This isn't only hurting the Reading Public Museum but all of the children and families that planned a visit to the exhibition. It also reflects poorly on our community,” shared John Graydon Smith, Director and CEO.

To help reduce repair costs, The Museum is asking for the missing pieces to be returned to repair the Spinosaurus for visiting patrons. If you have any information on this crime, please contact the Director of Building & Grounds Pete Poncheri at 610-371-5850 x225.

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