

IMPOSSIBLE ANIMALS

Imagine a world where sharks fly and bees hop... Impossible? Not at **Impossible Animals, the new travelling exhibition at the **Children's Museum**!**

EXHIBITION DATES

June 8 - September 3, 2012

PURPOSE

Impossible Animals will give guests an opportunity to discover first-hand the characteristics of living things. Children will explore the who, what, where, and why of the creatures they help to create. Interacting with their creatures helps the experience come alive!

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This exhibit is designed to appeal to the Children's Museum primary target audience: children ages 9 and under and their caregivers.

EXHIBITION OUTLINE

Section 1: One-of-a Kind Creatures

Who's in your egg? Design and colour the outside of an egg. Place it in an incubator (scanner). Decide where your creature will live – on the ground? In the water? Up in the sky? Only you know! What does your creature act like? In only a few seconds your creature will hatch, does it look familiar?

Section 2: Interaction Reaction

Now that your egg has hatched, it's time to interact with your creature! If your creature is in the water, step carefully, the water ripples, the lily pads rock, and creatures will either come to you or swim away! If your creature lives on land, move closer to the wall, your creature is going to get excited to see you! If your creature lives in the sky then hold your hands up high to see if your creature will come to you or fly away!

Section 3: Creation Station

Create a creature of your own to take home using familiar and unfamiliar materials. A piece of yarn, a scrap of fabric, a cup, and more can become anything if you use your imagination at the creation station!

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Section 4: Look Alike

Dress-up like your favourite creature! Wings, fins, feathers, and more are all you need to become your favourite creature.

Section 5: Book Nook

What a great place to take a moment and read more about the living things all around us! You'll read about the creatures you see every day and the ones you never get to see at all!

Section 6: Mix-and-Match

Mix-and-match plush animals to make your own Impossible Animal. Make them small or tall! With your help, sharks can fly like birds, bees can hop like frogs, and squids can race as fast as tigers. Just pick your animal, unzip, and match it with other animals to make your own crazy creations!

(Note: These plush characters are licensed Clump-O-Lumps created by Knock Knock. Characters include: Tig-o the Tiger, Frog-o the Frog, Shark-o the Shark, Bee-o the Bee, Squid-o the Squid, and Bird-o the Bird. See <http://www.knockknockstuff.com/clump-o-lump/> for more information.)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMING

Volunteers and staff will interpret Impossible Animals. These interpreters will facilitate explanation, assistance, and of course, fun!

Our annual Festival of the Arts in August will also have a creature/living things theme in support of this great exhibit!

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