

## **Experience the Downright Ugly Side of Human and Animal Nature** *Grossology and Animal Grossology Slide into the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History*

**Fort Worth, TX** - Sometimes it's stinky; sometimes it's crusty; and sometimes it's slimy. *Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body* and *Animal Grossology* open on May 26 at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. Based on the best-selling book *Grossology*, the exhibitions use sophisticated animatronics and imaginative interactives to show guests the good, the bad and the downright ugly about their own bodies and their favorite animals. *Grossology* and *Animal Grossology* will ooze with fun for the entire family.

In *Grossology*, guests will take a "Tour du Nose" to explore 10 nasal features, including how snouts act as an air filter, a smell sensor and a mucus producer. Play the pinball game "Gas Attack" by scoring off bumpers dressed up as food items that cause gas. Mimic the buildup of acid indigestion by causing the "Burp Machine" to release a giant belch. Explore the role of the kidney in a virtual reality experience in "Urine: The Game." Take a ride on the GI slide, climb a large-scale replica of human skin and discover other mysterious ways human body's biology does what it needs to in order stay healthy.

*Animal Grossology* contains solid science and introduces it in a way that makes kids and adults alike giggle. Guests will explore how icky leeches are used after some surgeries to assist in the healing process. Did you know that cows are one of the gassiest animals on earth? Learn why the dung beetle is nature's living pooper scooper, and why scientists are studying slug and snail slime production for clues in treating cystic fibrosis.

The *Grossology* exhibitions are based on the award-winning book, *Grossology*, by author Sylvia Branzei. As a teacher, writer, curriculum designer and microbiologist, Branzei explains the concept of *Grossology* as a learning tool. "This is science in disguise," she says. "If we teach students in their own words, they'll understand better and actually learn something."

Admission to *Grossology* and *Animal Grossology* are included with Museum exhibit admission: \$15 adults and \$12 juniors (2-18). Museum members are free. Purchase tickets online at [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or by phone at 817-255-9540.

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