

John Janzen Nature Centre, City of Edmonton

Location: Edmonton, Alberta

Project: Tegler Discovery Zone Enhancement Project

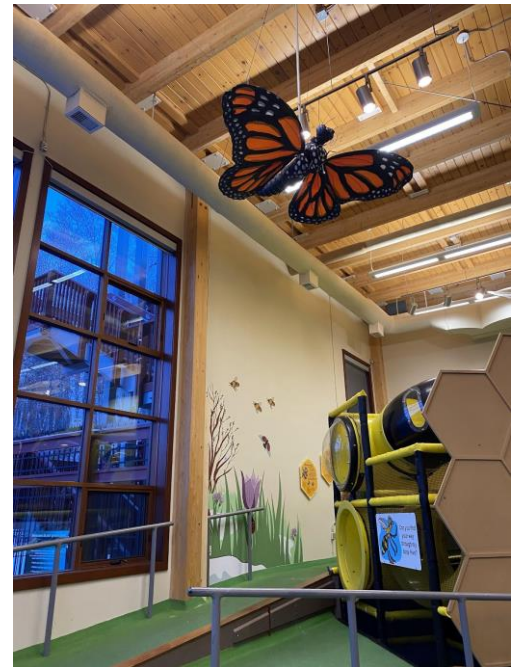
Industry: Family Attractions, Environmental & Natural Sciences

Installation Date: 2021

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Tegler Discovery Zone, an addition to the John Janzen Nature Centre constructed in the early 2000's, was created to serve as an indoor play space for children aged 10 and under. In recent years, a need was identified by the City of Edmonton for more interactive elements within the space, which is where Fuse stepped into the project.

Fuse provided consultation and design services, as well as project management and oversight of fabrication and installation of numerous new interactive features. This exciting project allowed our team to design a wonder-filled indoor experience for young guests that works to support learning through play. The added enhancements were designed to match the aesthetic of an existing space and focused on nature education through interaction and discovery.





PROJECT ELEMENTS

Fuse's creative team was able to bring to life 10+ innovative elements to engage young guests more fully with the space. As the audience of the Tegler Discovery Zone is primarily children aged 6 and under, we focused on creating highly interactive elements, full of colour and whimsy, with minimal text. Some of the major enhancements added to the space include:

- Interactive Large-scale Pollinators
 - A suspended Monarch and Hummingbird Moth, with levers for children to flap the wings
- Largescale Fall Magnet Wall
- Ant Colony Wall Peg Maze
- "Become a Critter" Photo-op Railing
- Build-your-own Foam Flowers
- Decomposition Detective Flipbook
- Toddler Wetland Activity Carpet
- Large Scale Seasonal Wall Graphics



The Fuse team were also brought on to deliver comprehensive staff training, educating interpreters on the play value of the enhancements and ways to encourage visitor engagement.





CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I have had the pleasure of working with Fuse Consulting on the John Janzen Nature Centre, Tegler Discovery Zone indoor playground enhancements. Fuse was asked to concept, design and arrange for the installation of a number of elements within the playground with specific themes of local and urban nature. Throughout every stage of the project, Fuse Consulting was professional and showed a strong commitment to customer service and attention to detail. Fuse provided a strong understanding of nature-based learning and were able to incorporate educational elements in a creative and playful way. I would energetically recommend Fuse Consulting and greatly look forward to working with them in the future."

-Sarah Gericke, Attractions Program Manager, City of Edmonton

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