

Collecting to Discovery Hunt

A is for Autos.
How much does gasoline cost according to the big sign on the wall?
The cost per gallon is:
 45 cents \$2.50
 11 cents \$1.79

B is currently under renovation. Look for a new "B" artifact coming soon!



C is for City Hall.
When the old Grand Rapids City Hall was torn down years ago, what desperate steps did some people take to try to stop this from happening?
 trashed a bulldozer
 punctured all tires
 moved out of the city
 a woman chained herself to the wrecking ball

D is for Dolls.
This small room is full of all kinds of beautiful dolls, and on the left just about eye level, is one dressed in buckskin and feathers. What kind of doll is it?
 a rock star Daniel Boone
 a Native American chief
 sure-shot Annie Oakley

E is for Electricity.
Find the lady who looks "shocked!" What do you see in her hair?
 a waffle iron
 permanent wave machine hair curlers
 an electric thinking cap
 a TV antenna

F is for Fossils.
Some of these old bones have been hanging around for a zillion years waiting for you to discover them. Strangely, some of today's animals haven't changed that much. Find a cat-cousin with two huge front teeth. Is it a:
 saber-toothed cat
 Burmese bobcat
 a stone age aardvark
 the feared, man-eating Samoan ice leopard

G is for Glass.
There are many plates and glasses, but there is one item that rhymes with the word "dish." What is it?
 a slish-y bowl
 a fishy-y type bottle
 a dish-y octopus
 a suspicious saucer

H ...Okay, here's the last question on the first floor! Hats...you've found them, but have you ever tried to count them? It's a tricky job, do it 2-3 times to be sure. There's a bunch! How many are there?
 12 23 42 74

Take a brief break from things A-Z. Go up the stairs by the carousel to the 2nd floor and count the steps. How many are there? 50 44 39 70

I is for Ivory.
In the cases along the railing you'll find two of the same thing. They are:
 ivory fans carved ivory earrings
 ivory gold fish partridges in a pair-of-trees

J is for Japan.
A samurai is a traditional Japanese warrior. What object helped the samurai in battle?
 geta kimono soroban abumi

K is for Knives & Guns.
There is one huge gun that's a lot taller than the average man. What name is given to this huge weapon?
 a sword cane pistol a Buffalo Bill blunderbust
 a rampart gun

Hint: You will have to wait until you are on the 3rd floor to find this display.

L Fluorescent minerals appear to GLOW when you shine ultraviolet light on them. What was the first glowing mineral to be discovered?
 Glowstone
 Fluorite
 Ruby
 The Pet Rock

M

is for Musical Instruments.

Toward the Planetarium and around the corner by the Meijer Theater you'll find a violin platform full of instruments. Which one has "Yamaha" printed on it?

- drum saxophone cello harp

O

is for Oddities.

You'll find some really weird stuff in this display. The thing you're looking for here is without zippers or ties, and seems to be covered with what?

- horse hair leather
 ribbons buttons

R

is for Rocks & Minerals.

One of them has the same crystalline shape as a giant cut diamond. Unfortunately, this is not a real diamond. It's actually what? smoky quartz limestone fool's gold a Boulder, Colorado

N

is for Numismatics.

Numismatics is a fancy word for "the study or collection of money." "N" is located near the Steam Engine.

In a round table display there's a pinkish device for holding money. What is it?

- a coin purse a piggy bank
 grandpa's wallet a golden money clip

P

is for Pewter.

At the South end of the second floor, there are a lot of plates and cups, but what has a feather sticking out of it?

- an ink well
 a pewter turkey
 a pewter pillow
 an elaborate bird pattern on a plate

Q

is for Quilts.

They're so warm and cozy on a long winter's night. Did you know there are only a few basic construction methods used in quilt making? How many "basic techniques" are there?

- 2 6 4 12

Ok, now up to the 3rd floor! Remember to look for **K** too!

S

is for Stamps.

Along the 3rd floor railing, look for the stamps in a big sheet with train cars and engines. Also, these stamps have something "green" on them. What is it?

- an MSU Block "S"
 Christmas trees
 a "thumb"
 a crayon

T

is for Toys.

We all love toys, but these aren't high tech! In the far left corner of this display is a favorite stuffed animal. What is it?

- a stuffed elephant R2D2
 a flying pterodactyl a teddy bear

U

is for USA.

This exhibit case is covered with stars. Whose name appears on a shirt numbered 76?

- Mayor Heartwell
 Pudge Rodriguez
 Ford
 Sasquatch

V

is for Veterans.

Find General Louis Covell's World War I dress blue uniform with a sword and a fancy belt. How many brass buttons are on the front of his uniform?

- 14 8 3 4

W

is for Watches & Clocks.

Oh hickory, dickory, dock! Probably the biggest clock you've ever seen isn't even in the display case. It's right behind you! What building did it first live in?

- the old police station
 the telephone company
 Park Congregational Church
 old City Hall

X

Marks the Spot!

But what spot is it marking?

- the big wall maps
 the restrooms
 the place where someone famous once stood
 The Public Museum

Y

is for Yearlings.

You'll find them on the 3rd floor near the elevator. A yearling is an animal that is about one year old. In the showcase, you'll see one that has little white dots all over its back. These spots help camouflage the baby from its predators. What animal is it?

- a skunk a baby buffalo
 a fawn a little mountain goat

Z

is for Zoology.

Last question! Zoology involves the study of all animal life. Can you "sea" an animal above a doorway? It's probably the first time you've ever seen this animal airborne! What is it?

- a turkey a flying rattlesnake
 a shark you in the mirror! (did you see that mirror??)