Welcome to the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library!
This worksheet will guide you through the library in order to earn History Museum Explorers patch. These questions highlight a few of our favorite stops in the library, but please feel free to take more time to explore the entire building.

You will want to start and end this scavenger hunt on the 7th floor. All girl scouts are required to complete the questions with a star next to them (1, 2, 3, &8). Then, to complete the patch:

- Brownies answer 2 additional questions
- Juniors answer 3 additional questions
- Cadettes and up answer 4 additional questions

You may also answer as many extra questions as you like!

Once you have finished, return to the 7th floor to pick up your flag patch!

1. *According to the International Council of Museums, the definition of a museum is as follows:

   A museum is a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment.

   Is a library a museum? How are libraries similar to museums? How are they different?

2. *In the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library there are 8 different floors to explore. Each floor has its own set of subjects. What kinds of material can you find on the 3rd floor? What about the 6th floor? Which is your favorite floor in the library?
3. *You are on the 7th floor, which is not only our Dallas and Texas History floor, but also the archives for the library. This floor, which is one of our most popular, was recently remodeled in 2016. Start off your visit to this floor by finding out what was on the front page of the *Dallas Morning News* on the day you were born. (Don’t hesitate to ask one of the staff members for help!)

4. Have the staff point you in the direction of the fine books room. Look around. What is the oldest book you can find in the room? What date/time period is this book from?

5. Make your way around the corner from the fine books room to the interactive Discovery Wall. Spend some time exploring the collections on the wall. Which collection did you like exploring the most?

6. Once you’ve finished having fun on the Discovery Wall, turn to the left of the wall and walk into the small room in front of you to see the Declaration of Independence! Of course, it isn’t the original one, but it is an original broadside of the Declaration of Independence. In this case, a broadside is a copy of the original Declaration of Independence that was made to share the document across the United States. Only about 200 copies were originally made and only 26 still exist today! Broadsides were used as a form of spreading information to a lot of people. How do we spread important information like this today?
7. Before you leave the 7th floor make sure to make one final stop at the Shakespeare first folio. This book is a collection of almost all of Shakespeare’s plays put together by two of his friends a few years after Shakespeare died. Find the pamphlet with more information across from the folio. How many of these first folios still exist today?
   a. Bonus question: What was the name of Shakespeare’s theatre?

8. *Head down to the 2nd floor. This is the Youth Discovery Center, a great spot for kids and teens. In addition to all kinds of materials that can be checked out, computers just for kids, and a puppet theater, it’s also home to the Siddie Joe Johnson collection. See if you can find out who Siddie Joe Johnson was. Take a look at the display cases on this floor – you may find dolls, old books and/or other items. What item is your favorite?

9. Head up to the 4th floor of the library, which is where you can find books on art, music, movies, and more. Around the corner from the elevators, there is a large wooden music stand. Who designed this music stand? Ask the desk for a book on the person who designed the stand. What was this person most well-known for designing?
   a. Bonus: Can you find any other works by this person in the city of Dallas?

10. If you look to the right of the music stand, there is a small sketch hanging on the wall of a woman sitting on a horse. Who is the artist? (Hint: Look in the bottom left corner of the sketch.) Can you name another painting by this artist? (This may be another good time to ask for help from the staff!)

11. Head up to the 5th floor of the library, which is our Science and Technology floor. Find the display cases of surveying tools. What were these tools used for?
12. While you’re on the 5th floor, look outside onto the balcony behind the surveying tools. There is a large piece of art called Amoeba. Ask a staff member at the desk for more information on this piece. This piece of art is described as being “kinetic.” What does that mean?

13. Finally, make your way up to the 8th and final floor. People come to this floor to do research on their family history. This is called genealogy. Ask a staff member at the desk to help you look up the meaning of your last name.

14. Did you know that reading can expand your vocabulary? It also helps your memory, helps you understand different cultures, and can help you be a better citizen in your community! Whatever reading helps you do, be sure to keep reading! Whether you live in Dallas or another city, visit your local library and get a library card so you can keep reading every day. If you live in the city of Dallas or attend a DISD school, you can get a Dallas Public Library card for free! For more information about library cards at the Dallas Public Library, stop at the circulation desk on the 1st floor before you leave.