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### Exhibiting good taste

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For the mail-fatigued holiday shopper trying to find a gift for that hard-to-buy-for relative, a museum gift shop might be the way to go. Museum gifts tend to be quirky, unique and local, and they usually indicate a little extra thought and effort on the part of the giver.

At the **Carnegie Museum of Art** in Oakland, the ongoing "Louis Comfort Tiffany: Artist for the Ages" exhibit is the inspiration for several gift shop items, including the Flying Dragonfly lamp, a reproduction of a Tiffany original (\$342, small lamp \$132). For the slightly more frugal buyer, the shop has hand-blown glass perfume bottles from East of Eden (\$30).

Next door, the **Carnegie Museum of Natural History** offers a mermaid sculpture crafted from an oil drum (\$75). Also, the plush not-so-vicious-fishes are inspired by the museum's "Amazon Voyage" exhibit — they're cuddly versions of the misunderstood eel, devil fish and stingray (\$8.25-\$9).

The **XPLOR Store** at the **Carnegie Science Center** has gifts from the very small — Zoob building sets (\$11) — to the very large — Firstscope telescopes (starting at \$89). There are all manner of science-themed games and kits, including the NASA-approved, Trivial Pursuit-like Cogno Alien Adventure game (\$33) and a "CSI" junior forensic investigator kit (\$84.50). The XPLOR Store is mainly kid-oriented, but it does have some select gifts for the older crowd, including collector-edition Lionel train cars (\$49.95).

#### Details

##### The Carnegie Museum of Art gift shop

**Where:** 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tues.-Sat., noon-5 p.m.  
Sun.

**Details:** 412-622-3216

##### The Carnegie Museum of Natural History gift shop

**Where:** 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tues.-Sat., noon - 5 p.m.  
Sun.

**Details:** 412-622-3309

##### The XPLOR Store

**Where:** Carnegie Science Center, One Allegheny Ave., North Shore

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sun.-Fri., 10 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat.

**Details:** 412-237-3418