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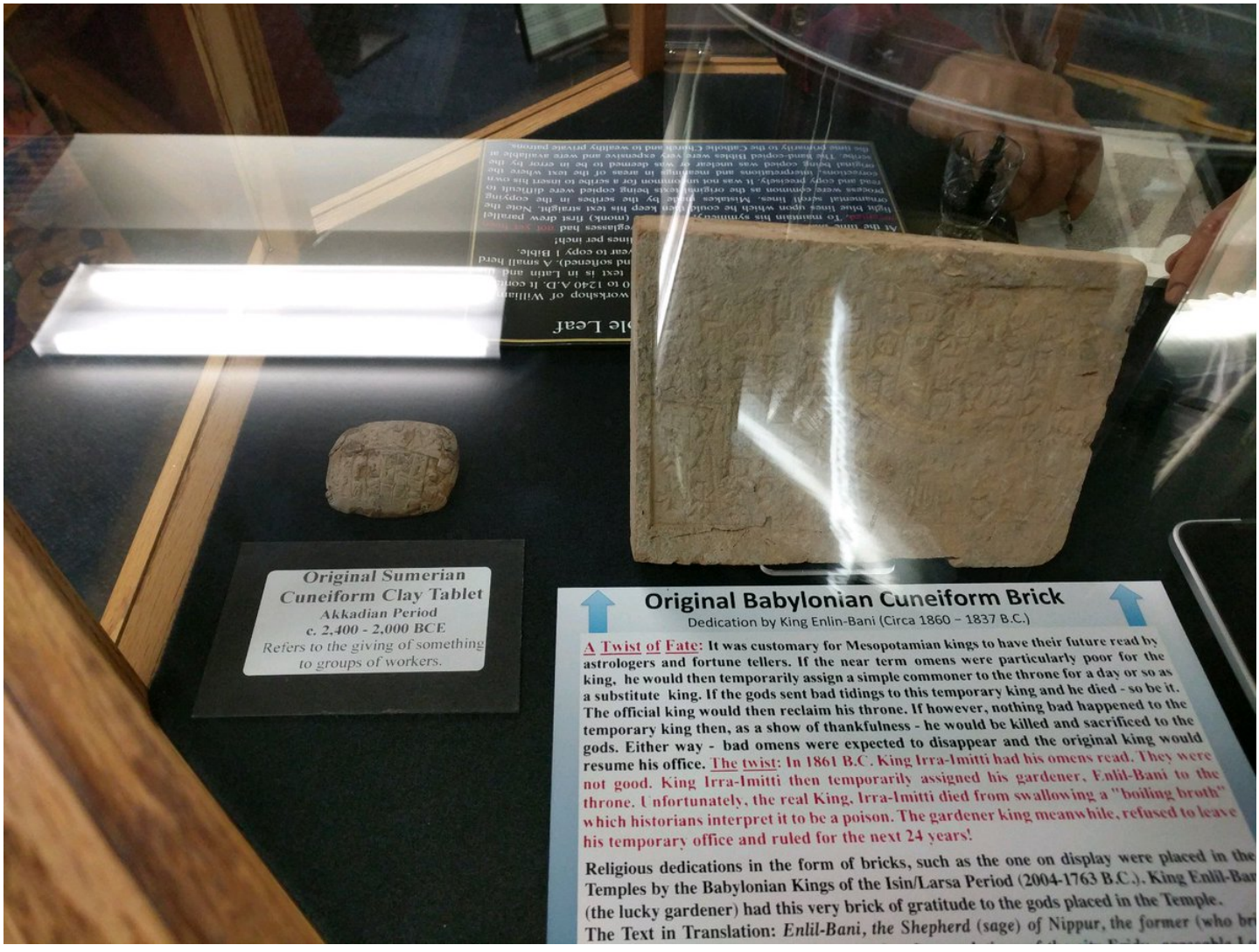
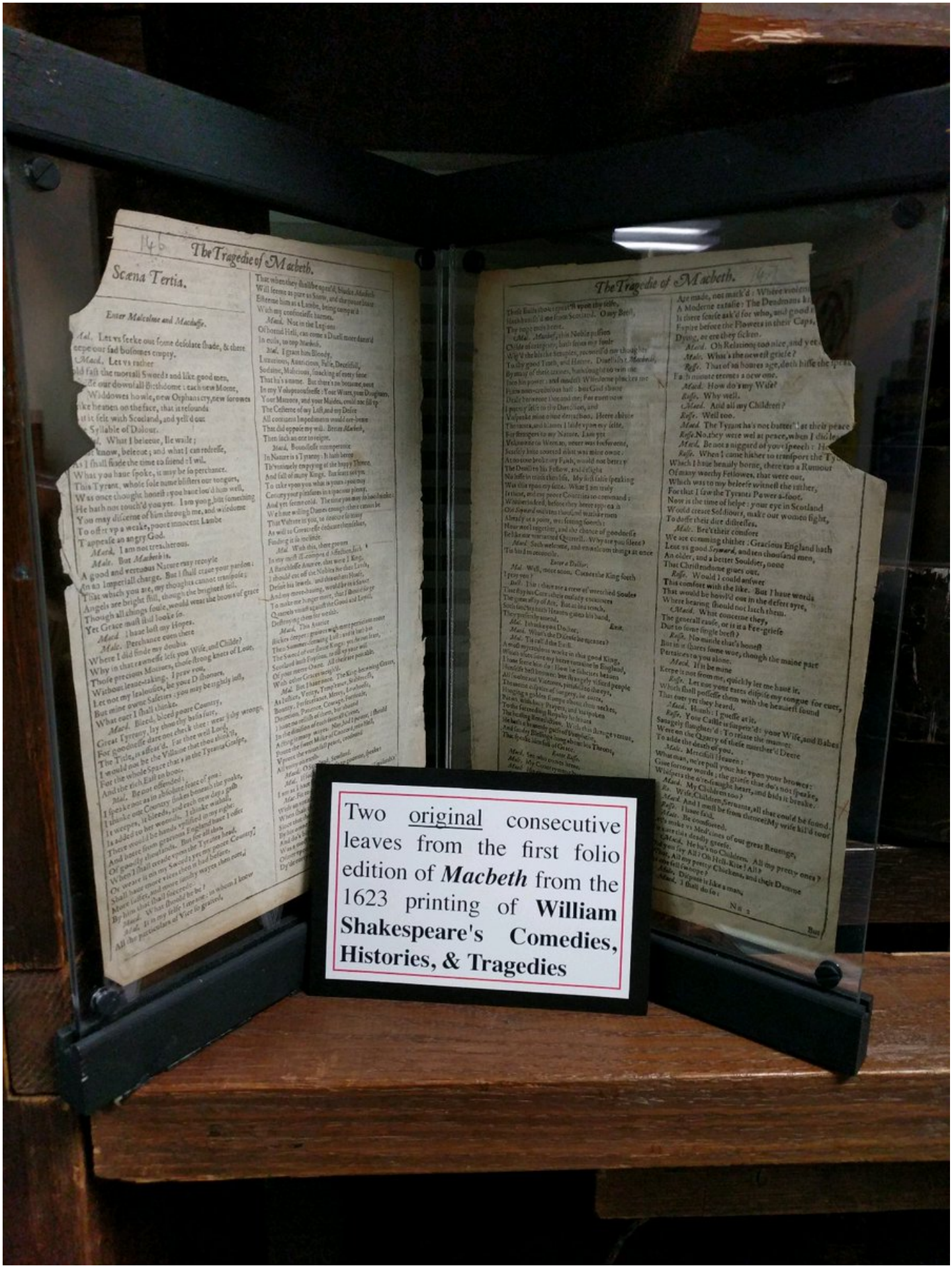
I have an hour or two to kill in Bozeman so I found this hole in the wall computer history museum and...wow. This is not what I expected. +

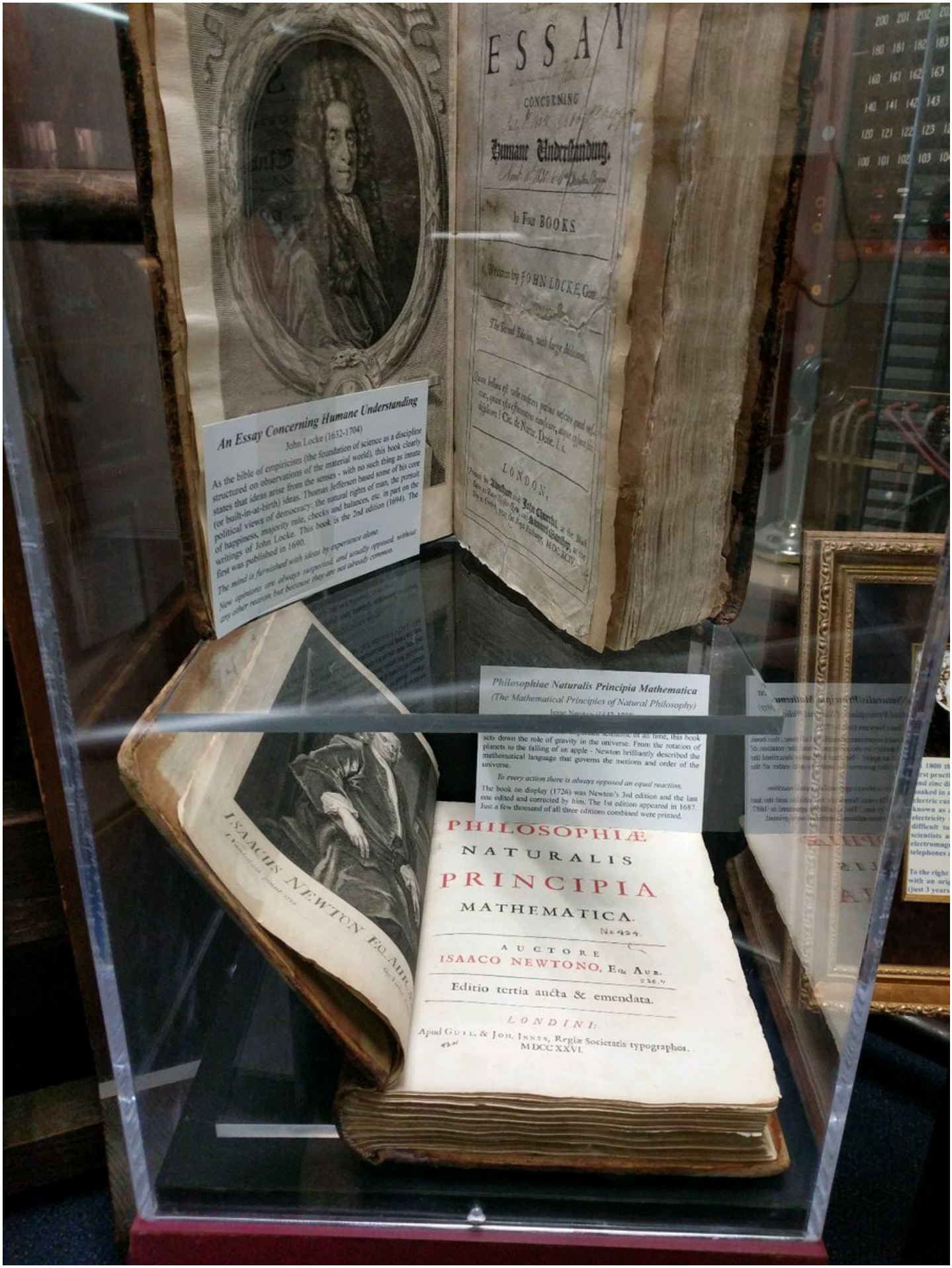
Computing starts with writing, so what if we had 4000 year old Mesopotamian tablets, sure ok.



First folio Shakespeare, also a thing

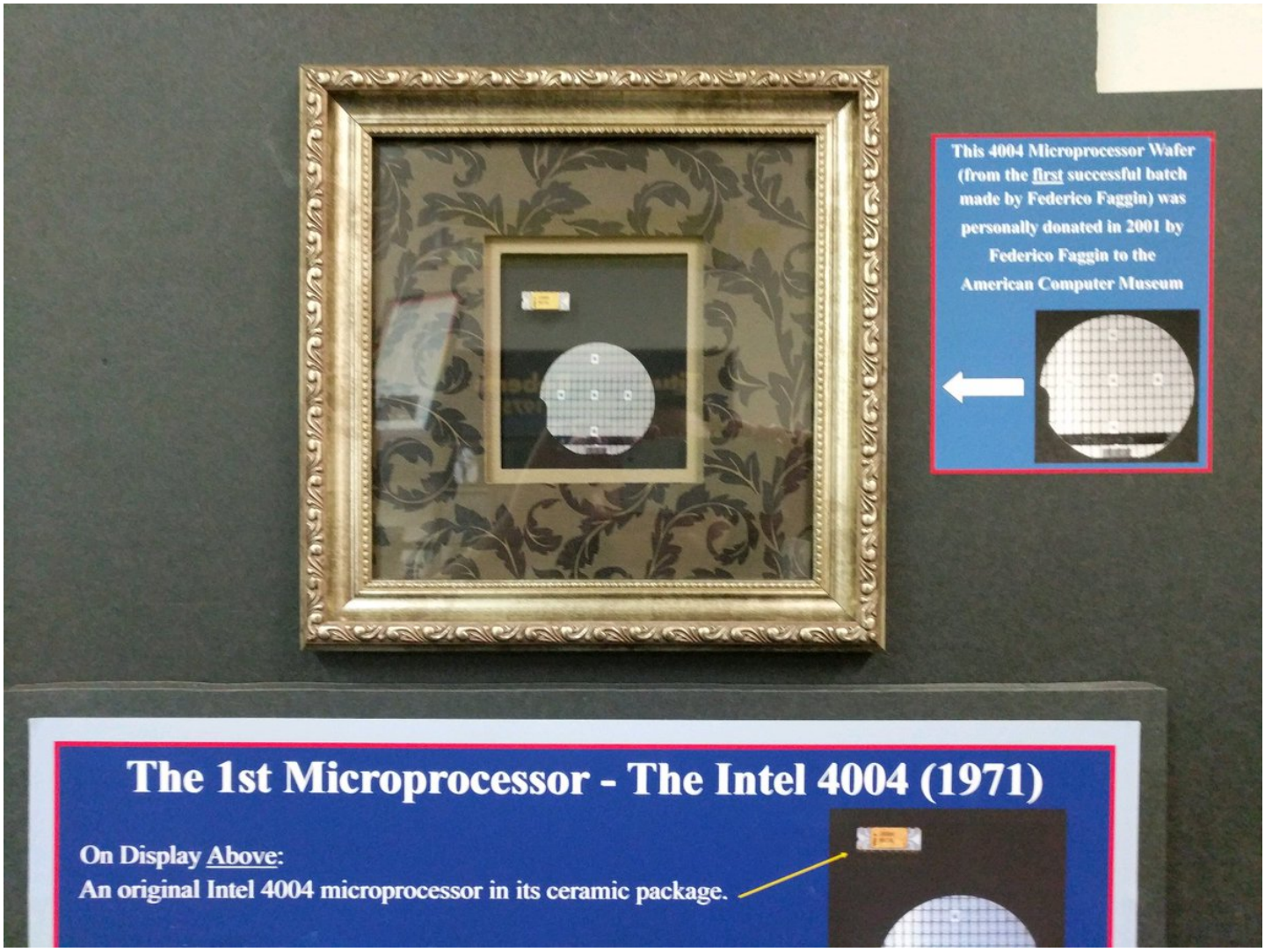


You could hardly call it a history museum if on the outskirts of a town of <50K you didn't have the Principia



My friends talk about the PDP-11 but obvi that's too newfangled for a serious history museum

What if we had a first-run chip from the first microprocessor



It's cool when your pal Woz gives you a computer


Apple 1 Advertisement
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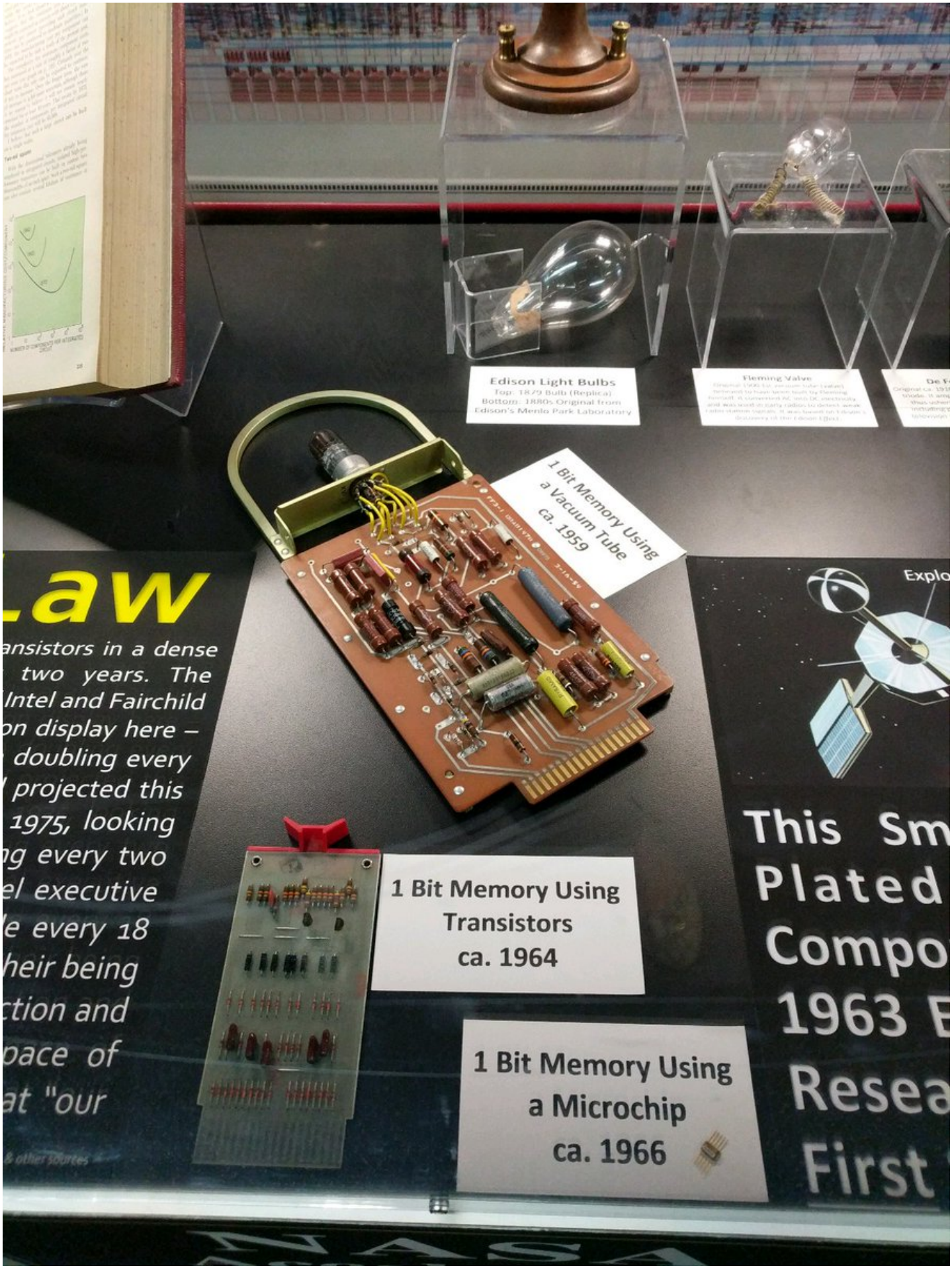
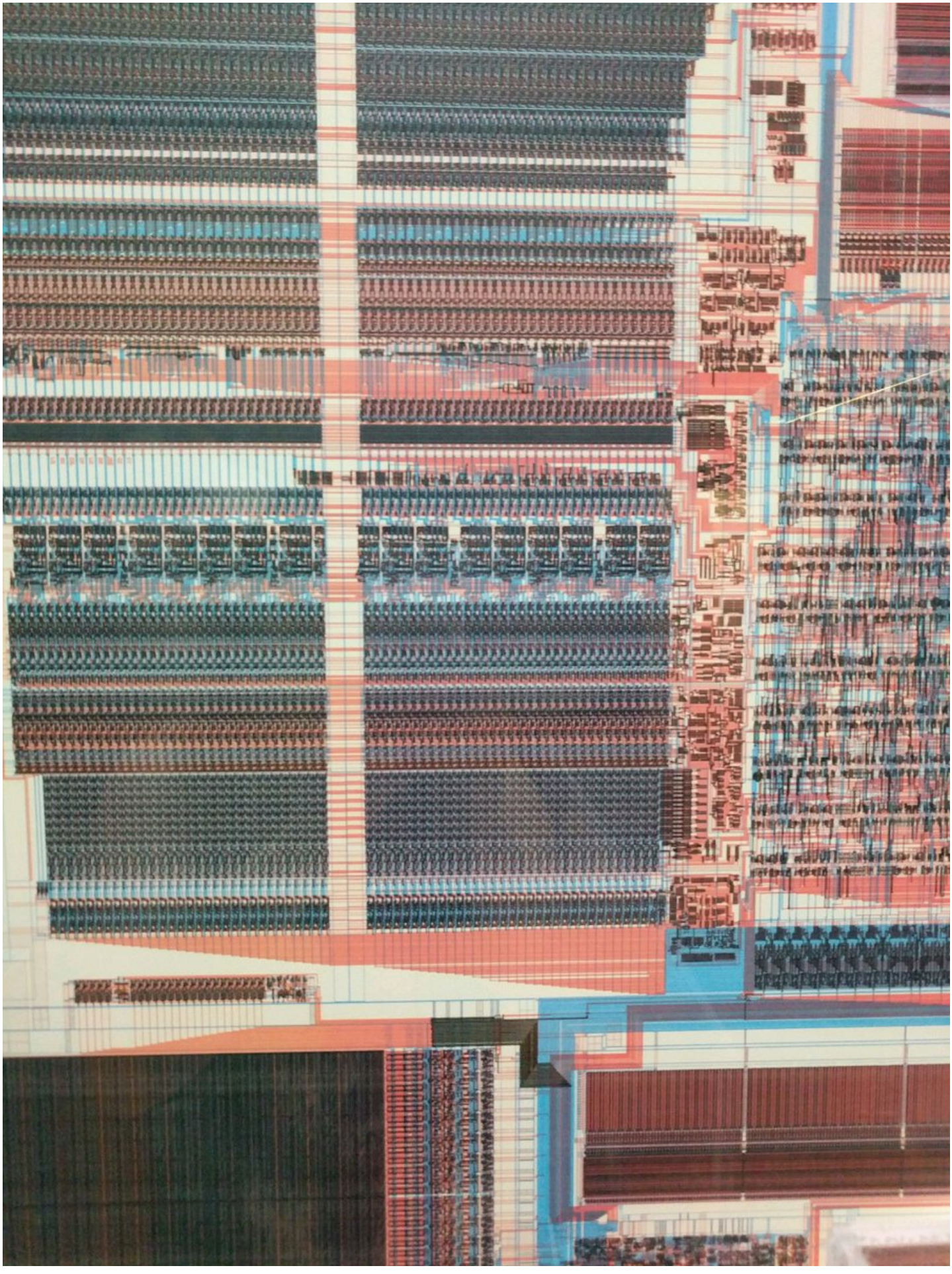
(1976)
Steve Wozniak "Woz"
In 1976 at his apartment, Steve Wozniak alone designed the hardware, circuit board designs, and operating system for the Apple I. Wozniak originally offered the design to Hewlett Packard, while working there, but was denied by the company on five different occasions. His friend Steve Jobs instead had the idea to sell the Apple I with Wozniak as a fully assembled printed circuit board. Wozniak, at first skeptical, was later convinced by Jobs that even if they were not successful they could at least say to their grandkids they had had their own company. Together they sold some of their possessions (such as Wozniak's HP scientific calculator and Jobs' Volkswagen van), raised $1,300, and assembled the first boards in Jobs' bedroom and later (when there was no space left) in Jobs' garage.
APPLE-1
OPERATION
MANUAL
I, Steve G. Wozniak, (Woz) the Inventor & Designer of the Apple 1 Computer and the Co-Founder of the Apple Computer Company have donated unconditionally to the American Computer Museum in Bozeman, Montana an Original Apple 1 Computer - a photograph of which is show above.
The Apple 1 Computer
(1976)

Moore's law



Detail from a plan for the 486 microprocessor; the whole is perhaps 3x5 feet, for a 6.8sq in chip

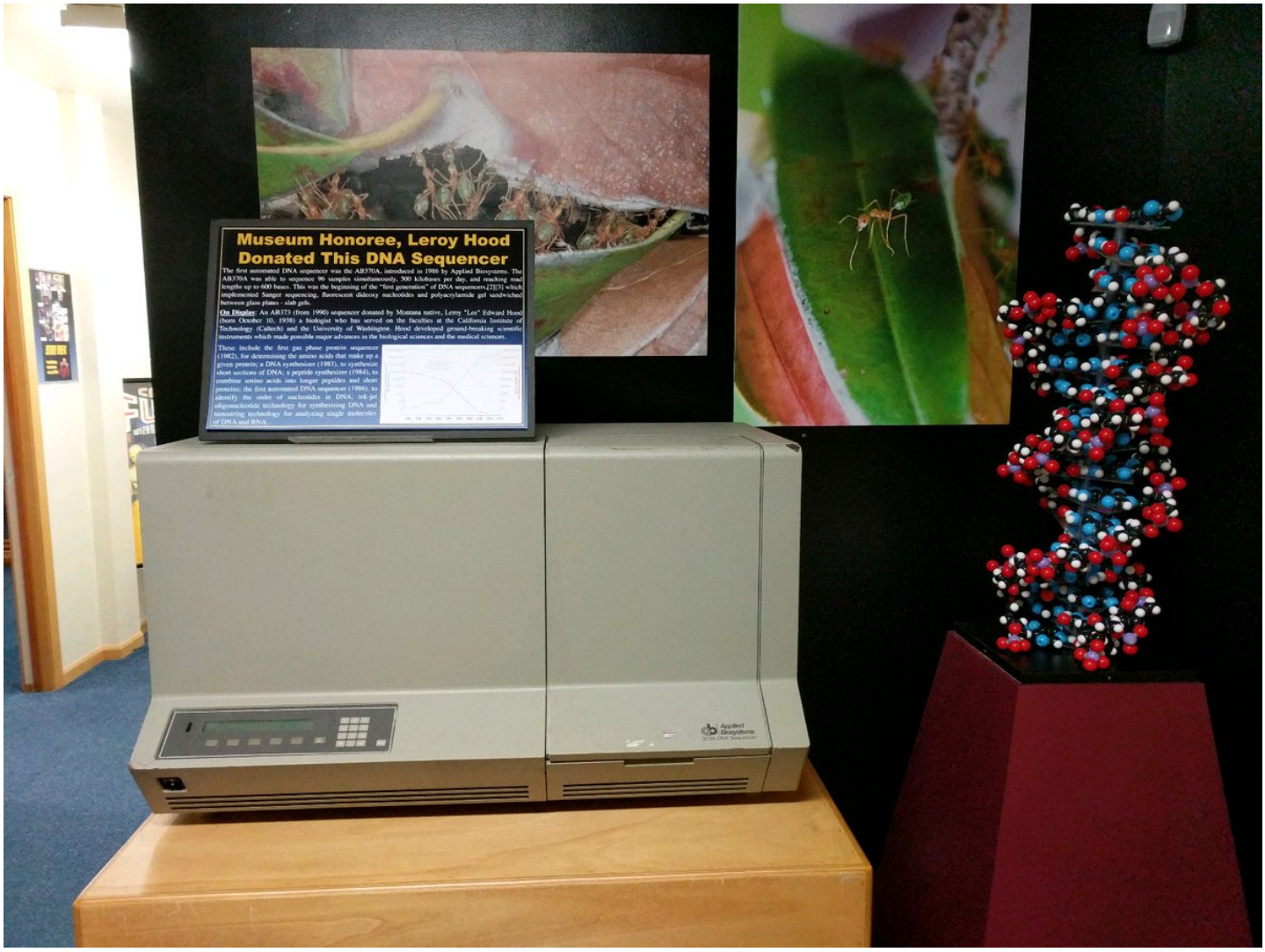


The 1965 disk behind me holds 8MB

This watch has been to the moon

32K of RAM, from the 1960s

First automated DNA sequencer, 1986. My dad got his PhD in genetics over a decade prior. Just imagine.

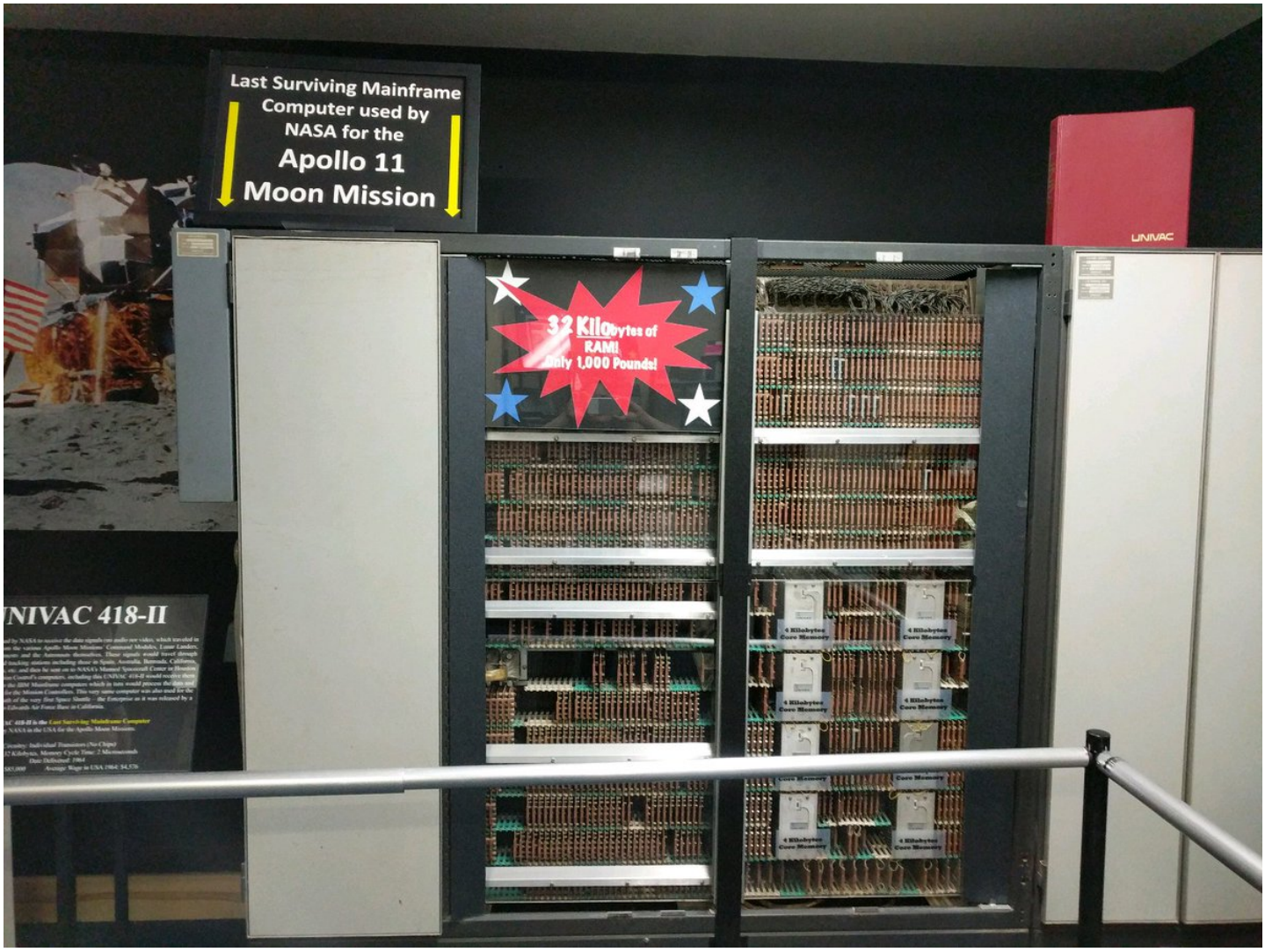


I give up. How does this museum even exist.

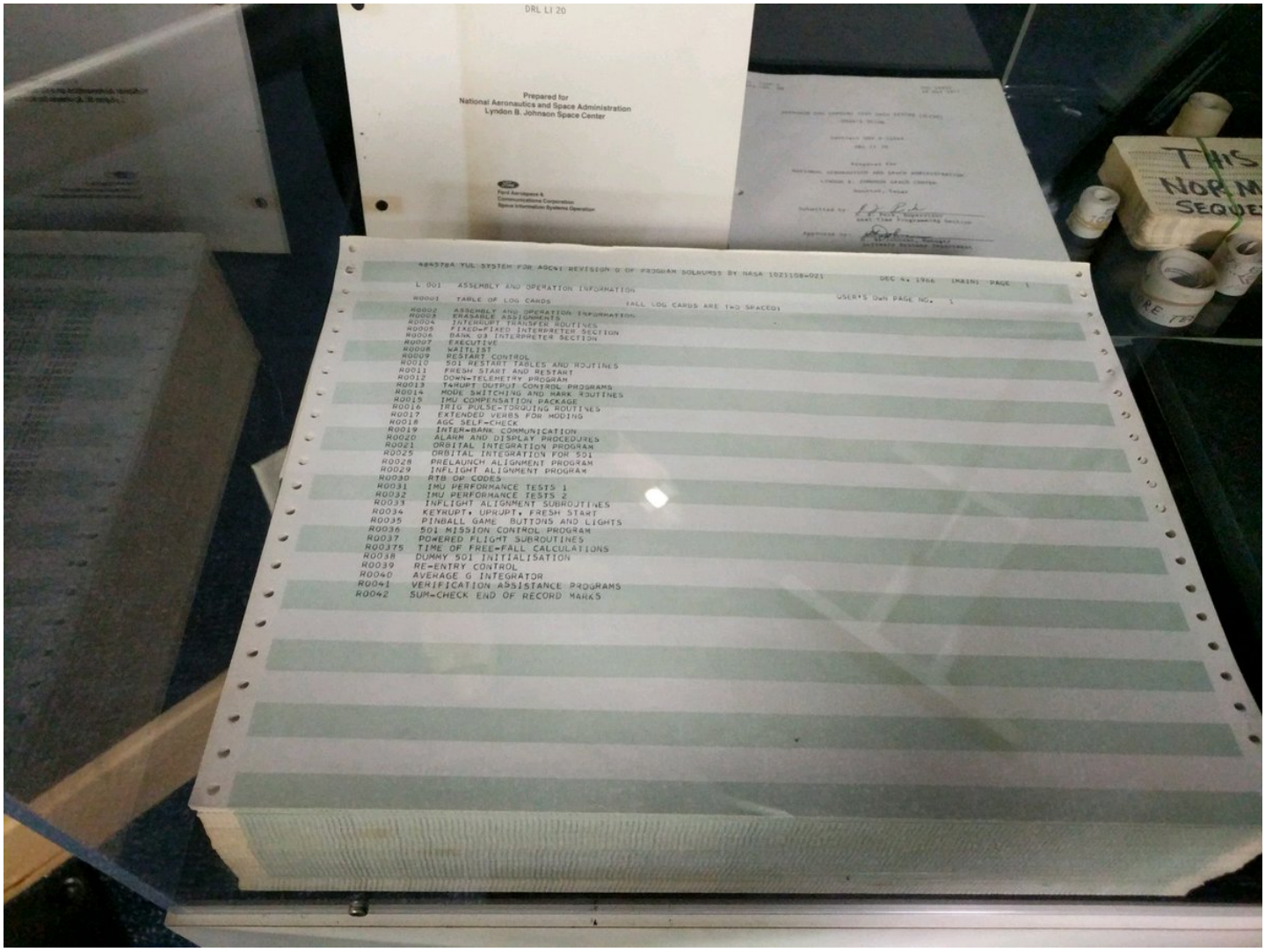
It is totally reasonable to have an autographed Claude Shannon

Hello robot friends (and enemies)

This computer did not go to the moon. It just helped people go there. Also 32K.



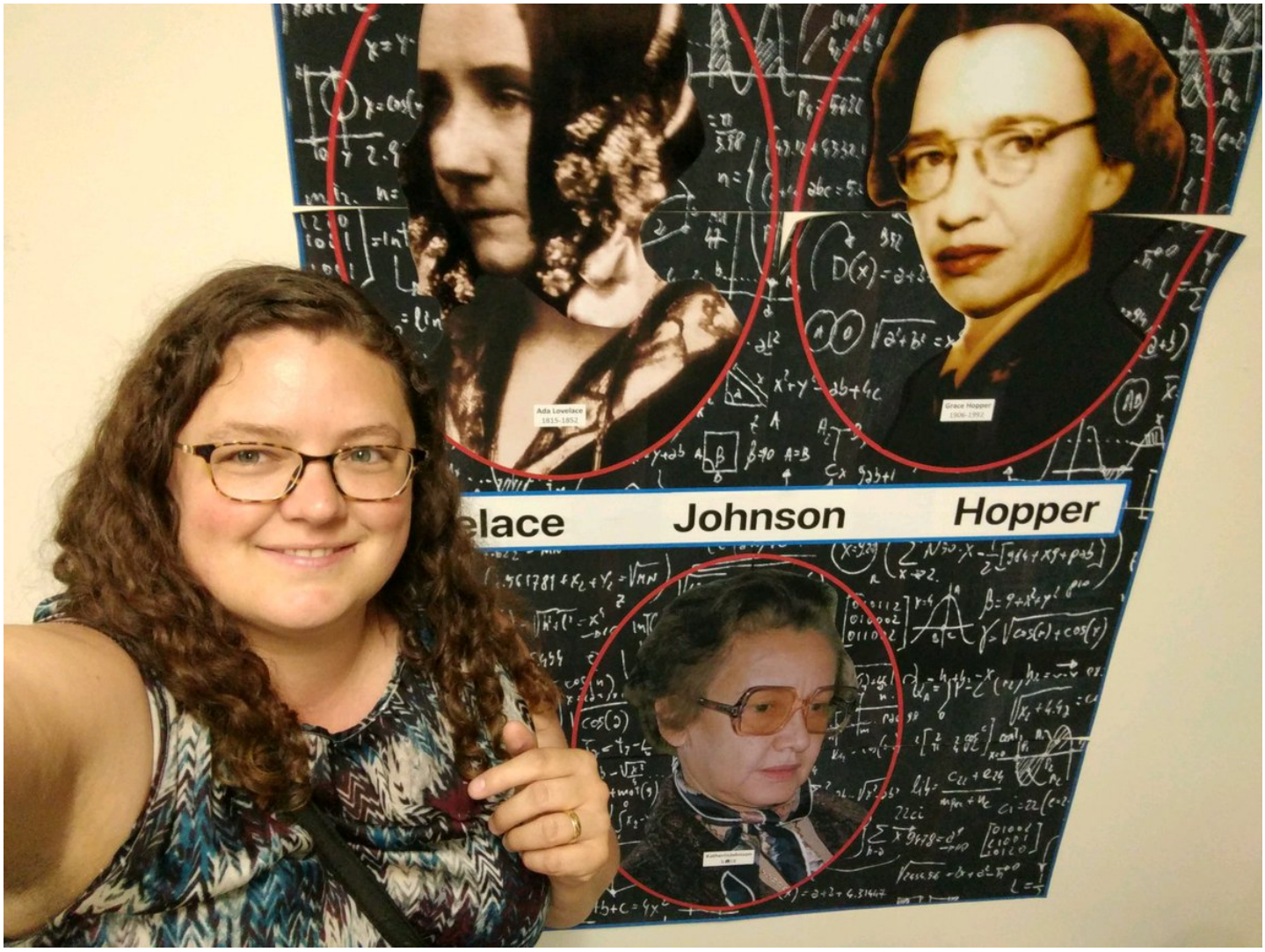
This is like github but for Apollo 4



Did you require nostalgia

I do not know who this computing nun was but I am here for her

Yes I am totally taking a selfie in this particular exhibit



I cannot believe this place even exists

Anyway if you liked my tweets about this museum, which is free (!), please consider paypaling them a few bucks https://t.co/fMxWSlcNgp

Also dear thread readers, they are now on Twitter as a result of this thread and your enthusiasm! https://t.co/9okrF4OyDu

> @ThatAndromeda Thank you for all of your kind words and images that you posted about our museum in Bozeman, MT. Also a big thank you to several of your followers who followed up on your donation suggestion! We just launched our Twitter account a few minutes ago...
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> — American Computer & Robotics Museum (@Compustory) August 11, 2018