Office Trivia – 01/23/2026

1. Which office supply was originally used to clean soot from wallpaper before becoming a children's toy?

Answer: Play-Doh

2. What everyday desk item was patented in 1899 and remains nearly unchanged today?

Answer: The paperclip (Gem design)

3. Which office supply was first made using goose feathers?

Answer: The quill pen

4. What office tool was inspired by a medieval device used to hold manuscript pages together?

Answer: The binder clip

5. What office item was originally called "the No. 1 Victory Model"?

Answer: The stapler

6. What common office supply was invented after a scientist accidentally created a weak adhesive?

Answer: Post-it Notes

7. What office supply was originally made from the sap of rubber trees?

Answer: Rubber Bands

8. What office item was once made using horsehair?

Answer: The paintbrush (used for inking and drafting)

9. Which office supply uses a "cartridge" that must be replaced but does not use ink?

Answer: A mechanical pencil

10. What office tool was originally designed to help seamstresses mark fabric?

Answer: The highlighter (based on felt-tip marker technology)

11. What office item was first sold under the name "Magic Marker"?

Answer: The felt-tip marker

12. Which office item was invented by accident when a chemist spilled a mixture on a hot plate?

Answer

13. What office item was originally made from whale bone?

Answer: Letter opener

14. What office tool was originally designed for sewing leather?

Answer: Hole punch

15. What office item was originally made from pressed cotton fibers or hemp?

Answer: Early writing paper

16. Which common office tool has teeth?

Answer: Staple remover

17. What office supply was originally marketed as "liquid paper"?

Answer: Correction fluid (White-Out)

18. What office item was originally created to help telegraph operators organize messages?

Answer: Filing cabinet

19. What office supply was originally used by bankers to keep track of transactions?

Answer: Ledger Book

20. What office supply was originally created to help store and protect photographic negatives?

Answer: The plastic sheet protector

Bonus Question: What year did this building become city hall?

Answer: 1973