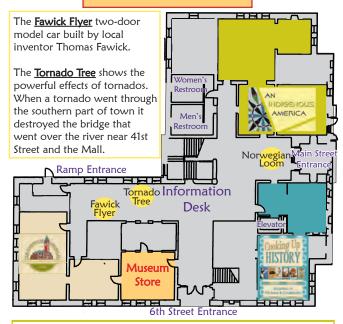
First Floor

The Museum Store includes unique and affordable Dakota-made gifts for the whole family.



An Indigenous America Before there was a United States of America, this land was populated by a diverse group of people. Most of these cultures persevered, overcame, and survived. Their material culture speaks to a world filled with hope, artistry, utility, and beauty. What may have started as an ordinary object used in day-to-day life are today considered invaluable cultural artifacts that speak to a way of life. The artifacts you will see show a culture that has evolved, and they tell the story of indigenous America.

Cooking Up History: Evolution of Kitchens & Cookbooks

No room in the house shows changing technologies and social trends as clearly as the American kitchen. From pioneer times to today, industry has endeavored to ease the "drudgery" of cooking in the "modern" kitchen. The cookbook has evolved along with the kitchen and can tell us a lot more than the ingredients for a recipe by providing a snapshot of the typical kitchen during the time period in which it was written.

The Courthouse Chronicles: From County Administration to **Museum** takes museum visitors through the journey of this building, the original Minnehaha County Courthouse, from its construction, to its decades as a courthouse, and now its use as a museum. Since people first occupied these rooms and halls in 1890, the courthouse has seen many changes.

Second Floor

The Norwegian-Style Loom (on the first floor) is a four harness. counter balanced, direct tie-up loom. It was hand-built by Anders Sorken and Rasmus Elgaaen. The loom was donated to the Siouxland Heritage Museum's collection in 1988. Rugs, table runners, coasters and other items that are made on the this loom are often available for purchase in the Museum Store.

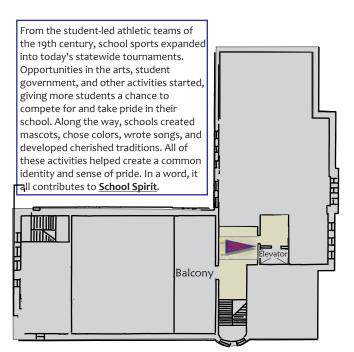


George Catlin: Life Among North American Indian Tribes are prints from Catlin's North American Indian Portfolio. The portfolio was created "from drawings and notes of the author, made during eight years' travel amongst forth-eight of the wildest and most remote tribes of savages in North America," as the front plate of his book states. The text that accompanies these prints are excerpts taken from Catlin's descriptions of the prints in his own words. Spelling and grammar appears as originally written in his 1844 edition.

NOW HEAR THIS: Breakthroughs in Recorded Sound, takes you back to the first audio recordings that were made less than 150 years ago. Before the advent of recorded sound people had to go to concert halls and similar venues to hear performances. What began in 1877 with Thomas Edison's phonograph has now transformed into multiple ways of listening to recordings. Some methods have faded away as time and technology made them obsolete, while others have had a resurgence in popularity. See how audio recording has changed over the years!

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Third Floor



Look for many kiosks around the museum to learn more about the history of this beautiful building!



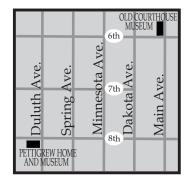


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When you see this hand, it means you can PLAY! Try some of our FUN Hands-On Activities around the Museum!

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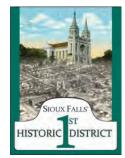


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...and take a guided tour of the elegant 1889 Queen Anne style home of South Dakota's first senator, R.F. Pettigrew. For more information on the Museums go to www.siouxlandmuseums.com





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