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Museum's summer walking tour series concludes with Historic Fourth Street

The Sioux City Public Museum's summer downtown walking series concludes on Saturday, July 26 with "Historic" or "Lower" Fourth Street, the two city blocks between Virginia and Iowa Streets in downtown Sioux City. The free **Historic Fourth Street Walking Tour** will begin at 10 a.m. at the corner of 4th and Virginia Streets. Grace Linden, the Museum's curator of history, will lead the hour-long walking tour.

A prominent part of the recently designated cultural and entertainment district, Historic Fourth Street contains 15 structures dating from 1889 to 1915. The dramatic growth Sioux City experienced during these "boom years" is evident in the most extensive concentration of late 19th century Richardsonian Romanesque buildings in Iowa. Popular in the late 1890s, Richardsonian Romanesque is characterized by heavy, rough-cut stone walls, round arches, squat columns, and deeply recessed windows. After years of neglect, these two city blocks were placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1995. Since then, the majority of the buildings in the area have undergone extensive renovation, including the recently restored Evans' Block building.

For more information about the Museum's upcoming events, contact the Sioux City Public Museum at (712) 279-6174 or visit www.siouxcitymuseum.org.