

“Grand forum is a great way to explore a wide variety of absorbing topics, keep current on local affairs, and meet intellectually energetic and active seniors.” – Mary Ann Sheline, GVSU retiree of 30+ years at GVSU, currently serving on the Grand Forum Advisory Board.



GVSU Grand Forum is an educational outreach program for adults who are interested in a variety of topics – history, current events, the arts, local issues, business, health and science. Many GVSU faculty and other Grand Rapids community and professionals are invited to lead the sessions.

Grand forum members can be GVSU retirees or anyone in the community who would like to continue their learning – no tests – and they have the opportunity for discussion with others attending the sessions.

We meet for 3 weeks in the fall, 3 weeks in the winter, and 3 weeks in the spring. A special component of Grand Forum includes time for social interaction with the members during lunch which is served between the morning and afternoon sessions.

Volunteer opportunities are being explored as a new feature of Grand Forum. To provide continued learning on the months that we do not meet, a committee has been formed to introduce small interest groups that would discuss current events, history, the arts, and other areas still to be determined. Volunteers with expertise in those subjects will be needed to lead the discussions – so stay tuned as we figure this out. If you are an official GVSU retiree, your first year membership is complimentary.

Grand Forum page: <http://www.gvsu.edu/learn/grand-forum-7.htm>