



Scheduling School Experiences with GRAM

We ask that all school groups please make a reservation to visit GRAM, even during free admission hours, so that we can best support your visit experience. To schedule visits during our public hours, please reach out with approximately 3 weeks' notice. We encourage schools and educators to book early, as dates fill quickly and are based on availability.

Visit artmuseumgr.org/school-tours-workshops to complete our online school group request form or reach out to Emily Jarvi, School Experience Manager, at ejarvi@artmuseumgr.org or 616.831.2928 for more information.

School Experience Scheduling During Non-Public Hours*

We can also book school experiences during our non-public hours (with 4 weeks' notice) for an additional staffing fee (an additional \$15 per every 10 people), based on availability.

Self-Guided Tours

Lead the museum experience yourself by registering your students for a self-guided tour during public museum hours. Explore the museum's collection and special exhibitions at your own pace while focusing on works directly related to your group's interest. Please book your self-guided visit with GRAM's School Experience Manager at least 1 week in advance.

Public Museum Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	12 pm - 5 pm
Thursday	12 pm - 8 pm
Friday	12 pm - 5 pm
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm
Sunday	10 am - 4 pm

Non-Public Hours

Tuesday	9:30 am - 5 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am - 12 pm
Friday	9:30 am - 12 pm

**Please note that we cannot schedule any school experiences on Mondays, nor on Thursday mornings prior to 12 pm.*

Grand Rapids Art Museum School Experiences 2026-2027 School Year

artmuseumgr.org/learn

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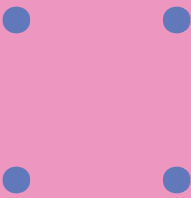
The Discovery Gallery in GRAM's Creative Learning Center is a vibrant, highly active space with hands-on experiences designed for imaginative play and curious exploration for all ages. As an extension of GRAM's gallery interactives, the Discovery Gallery offers a creative space to experiment with a variety of art and design activities in a fun, relaxed, and self-directed manner. Visits to the Discovery Gallery may be added onto any field trip experience.

GRAM's Free Field Trip Fund

artmuseumgr.org/field-trip-fund-info

For eligible PreK-12 Michigan schools, GRAM's Field Trip Fund Program covers student admission and participation fees for school tours and art-making workshops and provides transportation reimbursement to assist with bus expenses. Any Michigan school that receives free or reduced lunch support for at least 40% of their student population is eligible to participate in GRAM's Field Trip Fund program.

Contact GRAM's School Experience Manager for more information.



Current and Upcoming Exhibitions

Jerry's Map by Jerry Gretzinger
May 16, 2026 – Oct 18, 2026

Karel Appel: Start Again Like a Child
Aug 12, 2026 – Nov 15, 2026

A Shared Vision: The Glen W. Johnson and Thomas P. Merchant Collection
Sep 5, 2026 – Feb 7, 2027

Ray Materson: Metamorphosis
Oct 3, 2026 – Jan 3, 2027

Julie Green: The Last Supper
Oct 3, 2026 – Oct 24, 2027

Gary Tyler: Rebirth
Oct 3, 2026 – Jan 3, 2027

Grand Rapids Film Society Presents: Michigan Experimental Cinema
Jan 30, 2027 – Aug 15, 2027

Mystical Visions in the Material World: Early Modern Art and Life from GRAM's Collection
Jan 30, 2027 – Apr 25, 2027

Lust, Love, and Loss in Renaissance Europe
Jan 30, 2027 – Apr 25, 2027

Open Fields: Transcendent Color in the Midcentury
Mar 6, 2027 – Sep 19, 2027

The Future is Ours: An Unfinished History of Women Artists at GRAM
May 15, 2027 – Aug 15, 2027

All exhibitions and dates are subject to change.

Visit artmuseumgr.org for more information on each exhibition, including full descriptions and images of the artwork.

School Tours and Workshops

Kindergarten through College artmuseumgr.org/school-tours-workshops

Guided school experiences emphasize an interactive and inquiry-based approach to looking at and discussing works of art. During the hour-long tours, museum docents engage students by visiting the galleries and discussing a variety of artwork. Students have time to make quality observations, draw meaningful connections, communicate deeply about the visual arts, and practice critical thinking skills.

Activate the material covered on your tour by allowing your students to apply skills during hands-on art making workshops. Students work with the Museum's Learning and Creativity Educators and learn methods for creating art using a variety of techniques and media. GRAM workshops are designed to scaffold and meet each student where they are, regardless of grade level. Workshops are typically one hour in length, and available as an add-on experience to a docent-led tour.

Choose from a theme listed here or customize a program with GRAM's School Experience Manager that best matches your needs and interests.

- Abstract Art
- Animals in Art
- Current Exhibitions
- Exploring Colors
- GRAM's Collection
- Highlights Tour
- Learning to Look
- Michigan Art + Artists
- Sculptures + Sketches
- Storytelling in Art
- Women in Art



Exploring Identities Through Art

High School Program

This day-long, specialized program is uniquely designed for high school students and includes participatory gallery experiences as well as student-directed exploration in the galleries and the studio.

Morning: Docents work with small groups of students to explore a variety of artists and art objects, utilizing thinking routines to examine how art can be a tool for representation, expression, and deeper understanding.

Lunch: 30-minute break, schools must bring their own lunches with them and stay on-site for this break.

Afternoon: During GRAM's open-ended *Expressive Arts Studio* workshop, students are encouraged to play with new materials, respond to what they experienced in the galleries, and give their own voice to powerful ideas through the art they choose to create.

This program can accommodate a minimum of 8 students and a maximum of 30 students per session. Session fee: \$200. Sessions are based on space and scheduling availability and must be booked at least 1 month in advance. Qualifying schools may apply to use GRAM's Field Trip Fund to cover the program fee and bus transportation expenses, based on availability.

Early Learners Program

Prek Ages 3-5 artmuseumgr.org/gram-early-learners

GRAM's Early Learners Program helps children ages 3 to 5 discover all the museum has to offer through activities designed to increase fine and gross motor skills; further cognitive and emotional development with discovery and play; and activate interpersonal communication. Choose from a menu of interactive tours, artmaking workshops, and Discovery Gallery experiences to best meet your PreK group's needs.

Available program themes include:

- Abstract Adventures
- Artistic Animals
- Exploring Prints
- Picturing People
- Sculpture Creations



District Days

PreK through High School

District Day at GRAM celebrates local art students and educators by reserving GRAM's Creative Learning Center or Auditorium to host a district-wide art show. Participants receive discounted admission to GRAM on the day of the event and can enjoy the Discovery Gallery and GRAM's current exhibitions on view during their program event. Dates based on availability, and can occur on Thursday evenings, or during the day on Saturdays or Sundays. Booking fees apply.

Professional Development

All Educators artmuseumgr.org/educator-professional-development

GRAM offers professional development sessions for schools, districts, and organizations wishing to provide a unique educational opportunity for their educators and/or team members. Registration required.

Open Enrollment Sessions

- Art + Resilience - Thursday, November 5, 2026 @ 5 pm - 8 pm.
- Women in Art - Thursday, March 11, 2027 @ 5 pm - 8 pm.

\$28 for GRAM members | \$35 for non-members per person per session. Register on GRAM's website.

Private Booking Sessions

- Exploring Art + Society
- The Flourishing Learner: Using Art + Mindfulness Practices in the Classroom and Beyond
- Playful Learning Approaches for PreK-12 Classrooms
- Social and Emotional Learning Through Art
- STEAM at the Art Museum
- Storytelling in Art

\$400 fee for a half-day or evening session. \$800 fee for a full-day session. Sessions are for 8–30 participants. Sessions are based on scheduling and space availability and must be booked at least 1 month in advance.

Creativity Lab Workshop

Book this studio experience as an add-on workshop following any gallery experience for a student-directed artmaking session.

Participants receive prompts and a variety of artmaking supplies to experiment with a wide range of techniques and processes, resulting in a unique art project inspired by their own ideas and artistic choices.



Imaginative Play Kits

Book a session to use GRAM's Imaginative Play Kits! Each participant will use an individual kit filled with a dozen creativity-inspiring playful objects to activate their imagination during the session.

Sessions are \$30 per 30 minutes with a maximum of 30 participants.