Film: The Film Forum incorporates love of film with love of community. Members come together to watch and discuss themes such as foreign language, sexuality, women’s rights, and Oscar nominees. We discuss how these themes have been manifested in our film culture today and how cinema has contributed to and changed society at a large. In the past we have studied Miyazaki’s animation, social documentaries, and viewed films such as *Amelie*, *Doubt*, *The Fall*, and *Blue Jasmine*. Get ready for good friends, good movies, and great times!

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Poetry: The Poetry Forum welcomes all those who love to read, write, perform, and breathe poetry. Whether you are a poetry novice or expert, you are invited to connect with other poetry enthusiasts. Our meetings involve getting to know a poet or a member’s choice and partaking in creative exercises & activities, or work-shopping. Past exercise include creating found poetry, interview poems, blackout poems, poem forgeries, and poetry tournaments. Our future plans include attending (and putting on!) open-mics, creating collaborative poems, and nurturing a poetic community in the RC. Come join the fun and get to know some great poetry-loving people!

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Diversity Forum:
Diversity Club hopes to be a safe space for students to exchange meaningful dialogue about experiences across various cultures, socioeconomic status, religions, etc. In doing this, Diversity Club hopes to educate students about those with different backgrounds and promote more tolerance within the campus community.

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Food: The Food Forum educates and engages students in food production, preservation, and preparation. We emphasize hands-on learning, with particular attention to gardening and cultivation techniques and practices. This hands-on approach is highlighted in the forum’s demonstration and workshops put on for students by students (i.e. making sauerkraut, canning, pickling). We hope to eventually build the program into a year-round learning and working garden, partnering with other university and community organizations in efforts to keep food at the forefront of our minds, and just in the pits of our bellies!

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Feminist: Feminist Forum provides a space within the RC for discussion and dialogue about feminism. Feminist Forum meets weekly to discuss a wide range of issues involving the intersection of gender, race, class, sexual orientation and other identities. Our weekly topics include representation of race, gender, and sexual orientation in the media, sexual health, and issues on campus, among other topics that demonstrate the need for feminism. In addition to facilitation stimulation discussions about these topics, Feminist Forum provides a space for members to grow so that they may learn to become advocates for feminism not only on the University of Michigan campus, but in all areas of life.

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**Health & Wellness:** The Health & Wellness Forum is a group of students interested in exploring issues in everyday life concerning mental and physical health. We cover a variety of topics that change each term according to the interests of the members. In the past, each student has led a session on a topic that they already know about or want to know more about. We have held events ranging from watching *Food Inc.* to studying meditation to visiting a teashop for a tasting. It’s great to have supportive peers to push you to stay healthy at a time when all-you-can-eat ice cream is so tempting.

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**Dance:** The Dance Forum gives students the chance to experience the diverse art form of dance from many vantage points. It is open to students who are interested in any and all types of dance; no prior dance experience is necessary. Our goals include working on long and short-term choreography projects and showcasing our work. Screenings of dance films or recorded performances also take place during meetings. RC dancers engage with the rest of the U-M and Ann Arbor dance communities by sampling classes at local studios and planning outings to student and/or professional performances.

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**Urban:** The Urban Forum welcomes students who are interested in organizing and development in urban communities such as Detroit. We explore the root causes of inequality, issues of systematic change, and ways that students can get involved. We also emphasize understanding the historical and cultural influences that have shaped each community. Past discussion topics have included new urbanism, the criminal justice system, education, emerging industries, immigration, transportation, and sustainability.

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**LGBT*QA:** This forum aims to create a safe space for open, honest dialogue about issues involving the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual community. We bring together people from all different backgrounds, including allies, and focus on issues such as gender roles, homophobia, homelessness within the Trans* community and more. In addition to weekly dialogues, we bring in speakers from across campus, collaborate with the Spectrum Center, and hold an annual Trans* Clothing Drive in the spring. Everyone is welcome to join any of our meetings and events.

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**Book Co-op:** The Book Co-op is a group of students who are interested in books and reading and the roles they play in our lives. We host annual events such as Spelling Bees, Sock Hops, and field trips to used bookstores. Our ongoing project involves organizing and reopening the Benzinger Library in the new East Quad. Whether reading, writing, or discussing the written word, our bibliophiles have great times together!

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**Creative Writing:** The Creative Writing Forum is a group of students interested in developing imagination and promoting self-expression through the written form. Weekly, we will focus on various aspects of writing, including genres, characters, styles, etc. While we mostly center on creative prose fiction, members are free to express themselves in any style they choose, and we hope that you will feel comfortable enough to share your work. Whether you’re experienced in writing or just want to try something new, all are welcome to join.

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**Art Forum:** Art forum is a group of student who meet once a week to try their hand at new projects and exploring the role art plays in our daily lives. Weekly crafts can be anything from poetry to flower crowns, we’ve done it all. We encourage students to bring their art experience to class and teach what they know. All experience levels are welcome just be willing to try something new.

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**Sex:** The Sex Forum offers a safe environment to dialogue about topics ranging from basic anatomy to sexual taboos. Our forum seeks to provide a safe space where students can have their questions answered, there has never been a more comfortable and fun space to ask.