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July 9, 2015

Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" for the Fall Show at Waldorf West Library



Deadline to Submit is July 31!

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Fall Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from September 28 to December 30, 2015. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors. The Charles County Garden Club will create floral interpretations of selected art to be included in the show.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's mailing address
- Artist's email address
- Artist's phone number
- Artist's biography (half-page max, in MS-Word)
- Artist's headshot (jpeg)
- Title of artwork
- Medium/materials used
- Size/dimensions
- Year created
- Price, if applicable

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration. Selections will be made by the Gallery Committee and the artists will be notified at a later date in August.

On Saturday, October 3, a "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery, to honor all the artists participating in the fall show.

For more information on the gallery contact the Alliance at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Awards Application Deadline is 4:30 pm, July 23, 2015

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The Maryland State Arts Council's annual Individual Artist Award (IAA) recognizes the importance of artists and their works of excellence to the cultural vibrancy of Maryland. Each year, awards of \$1,000, \$3,000 or \$6,000 go to Artists from across Maryland who are selected through an anonymous process by an out-of-state jury on the basis of artistic merit alone. The categories are:

- Creative Non-Fiction/Fiction
- Media/Digital/Electronic Arts
- Theater: Solo Performance
- Visual Arts: Painting
- Visual Arts: Works on Paper

To download the guidelines, go to http://midatlanticarts.org/funding/artists_programs/fellowships/md.html.

To further assist applicants, the Foundation has assembled the following resources, which may be accessed at any time prior to the application deadline:

[Technical Assistance Video](#) (provides instructions on the guidelines and application process).

[Work Sample Preparation Guide](#) (provides instructions on the technical requirements for audio, video, image, and literary work samples).

Applicants are encouraged to request technical assistance as early in the application process as possible. Applicants receive assistance from Foundation staff on a first-come, first-served basis and should be aware that demand increases dramatically shortly before the deadline. Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation is not able to assist with the recording or editing of work sample content.

For more information, visit <https://www.msac.org/programs/individual-artist-award>, or contact Kimberly Steinle-Super at 410-539-6656, ext. 101, or email kimberly@midatlanticarts.org.

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Free Evening Concerts
Two Locations!



Thursdays, 7:00 pm
O'Donnell Lake

Fridays, 7:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall

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10400 O'Donnell
Place
Waldorf

305 Queen Anne
Street
La Plata

July 9 - Anthony Swampdog
Clark

July 16 - Jennifer Cooper

July 23 - Sin Miedo

July 30 - Marguerite

August 6 - Donegal X-press

August 13 - U.S. Navy
Commodores

August 20 - U.S. Air Force
Max Impact

August 27 - Tomorrow's
Time

For more information, go
to <http://www.stcharlesmd> .

For both locations, bring lawn
chairs or blankets.

For the La Plata Town Hall
Concerts, coolers are
allowed, but no alcohol.
Concessions are available
from the Town's food trailer
located near the back of the
parking lot; an ice cream truck
is also stationed there for your
enjoyment. A play area for
children, the Kids' Zone,
allows parents to enjoy the
concert while keeping an eye
on the little ones.

July 10 - Sara Gray Band

July 17 - U.S. Naval
Academy Band Electric
Brigade

July 24 - Roadhouse

July 31 - The Lucky Few

August 7 - 257th Army
Band

August 14 - U.S. Air Force
Band Max Impact

August 21 - Eric Scott Band

August 28 - Southern
Maryland Concert Band

September 4 - Dance Party
with Elite Beatz Entertainment
& Chesapeake Country
Cruizers

September 11 - Dr. Phill's
Big Band

September 18 - U.S. Navy
Band The Cruizers

September 25 - John
Luskey Band

For more information, go to
www.townoflaplata.org .

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Ms. Georgia's Summer Camps

Musical Beginnings

For Children 5 - 12 Years

July 13 - 17, 20 - 23, and 27 - 30, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata, MD

Each camp is \$120 for 12 hours of instruction, includes materials
and snacks

Cosmic Sounds!

July 6-9; 9:30-12:30

Sign your child up to experience the magic of science through art and music in days jam-packed with hands-on experiments, inventions, and exploration! We will study composers inspired by science and artists who pushed the boundaries of the art world. Explore art with exploding paint bags, ice chalk, and art robots and discover musical science with singing pipes, talking cups, and screaming balloons. Mix in a Mad Scientist day, Apollo projects, and reverse tie dying, and you're left with an unforgettable time!



Imagine That!

July 27-30; 9:30-12:30

Presenting a four day magical adventure in the land of imagination! We will revel in fairy tales, myths, and dreams through art, music, and hands-on activities! Think Mozart's *Magic Flute* and Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* combined with art projects imitating the styles of ancient Greek art, Sandro Botticelli, Salvador Dali, and you have artistry and education at its peak. This week includes a storytelling workshop with award winning storyteller, Debra Mims! Treasure hunts, a Fairytale Party with costumes, and musical games are just a part of this creative camp!

Each camp is \$120; 12 hours instruction; materials and snacks are included; for children ages 5-12; \$50 deposit due by 15 June; for late registration, please call to check availability! Before and after care as well as Friday all day activities available. Please contact Ms Georgia to make arrangements. Be sure to ask about our sibling discount!

Epic Firsts of the 1920's

July 13-17; 9:30-12:30

Send your child back in time to the most hoppin' decade in American history! We will investigate the music of composers George Gershwin, Aaron Copland and others while learning about the firsts of their time: flight, automobiles, Babe Ruth and robots. Amelia Earhart herself will visit (courtesy of Smithsonian Institute)! Campers will create artwork each day in the style of Picasso, Matisse, and Escher, to name a few. Add in a bit of swing dancing, a murder mystery (as we learn about the birth of the FBI), musical softball, and a showing of the first talkie, and you have a homerun!

Around the World in Tasty Days

July 20-23; 9:30-12:30

Trek around the world to visit the native cultures of Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America! Envision a day of frying green bananas and preparing Moroccan fruity couscous after sculpting and painting a life-like African mask, followed by a lesson in African drumming and dancing by the Kankouran West African Dance Company. Learn hemp braiding, leatherwork, Australian dot painting, and Chinese calligraphy, while enjoying the music of didgeridoos, bamboo flutes, panpipes, and the dulcimer. Be a part of the journey as we explore music, dance, and art from around the world!

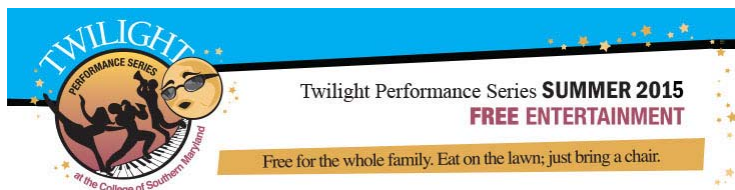
Contact us at 301-542-9359;
georgiabonney@gmail.com;
msgorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net
7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata, MD

SUMMER CAMPS 2015

Ms Georgia's Musical Beginnings



Call 301-542-9359, email georgiabonney@gmail.com, or go to msgorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net to register.



Twilight Performance Series **SUMMER 2015**
FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Free for the whole family. Eat on the lawn; just bring a chair.

College of Southern Maryland
Free Summer Entertainment
All performances begin at 6:45 pm.
Bring lawn chairs and a picnic dinner!

La Plata Campus
Chautauqua: **Sporting Lives**
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Thursday, July 9
Featuring Mark Megehee as Jim Thorpe



Wednesday, August 5 - CSM
Theatre "Sneetches" (Children's Show)

Each performance opens with local musicians. In case of

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inclement weather, the performance will be held in the Fine Arts Center Theatre. For detailed information on the Chautauqua series, visit <http://www.mdhc.org/programs/chautauqua>.

Leonardtwn Campus

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tuesday, July 14 - Bruce Swaim Jazz Quartet

Tuesday, July 21 - Dave Chappell Band

Tuesday, July 28 - With Lying Eyes

Tuesday, August 4 - CSM Theatre "Sneetches" (Children's Show)

Prince Frederick Campus

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Thursday, July 23 - "The President's Own" Marine Jazz Combo

Thursday, July 30 - Navy Band Cruisers (Rock, Pop, Country and Blues)

Thursday, August 6 - CSM Theatre "Sneetches" (Children's Show)

For more information on the summer shows, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/TwilightSeries/index.html> or contact CSM at 301-934-7828.

The Newtowne Players

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

July 10 - August 2

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Seniors (65+), Military, Students; \$13

Children 12 and under, and General Admission

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent, and one of the funniest musicals ever written. It takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from the time-tested 2000-year-old comedies of Roman playwright Plautus with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. This unforgettable, hysterical musical has "something for everyone - a comedy tonight!" For more information, go to <https://www.newtowneplayers.org> or call

301-737-5447.

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June Newsletter

Auditions

The Mystery Plays

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
 Callbacks Sunday, July 12, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD



The Mystery Plays are two interrelated one acts, loosely based on the tradition of the medieval mystery plays. Auditions consist of cold readings from selections of the script. Actors will be given

10 to 15 minutes to read and rehearse the cold reading. The cold readings will be done as single for monologues, or in groups of 2, 3 or 4. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays, October 9 - 24, 8:00 pm. For character descriptions and more information, visit <http://www.hbplayers.org>.

Hard Bargain Players Concert in the Woods

Blues Night with Memphis Gold, Linwood Taylor and Steve Wolf

Saturday, July 11, 8:00 pm
 2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD
 Admission: \$12, \$10 for Members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, \$5 for Children under Twelve



For more information, contact Doris Sharp at 301-292-5665, or www.hbplayers.org.

For more information on the Ferguson Foundation, visit <http://fergusonfoundation.org>.

Friends of Chapman State Park

Summer Music Fest

Lynn Hollyfield

Sunday, July 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm
 Park Gates Open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm
 On the lawn of Mount Aventine
 3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head
 Free Admission

Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy an afternoon of music with Lynn Hollyfield, acoustic guitar



CCAA members receive the monthly newsletter, *The Arts Insider*, on the first of each month.

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

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player and singer-songwriter.

Next free summer music fest concert at Chapman State Park:
Sunday, August 9 - Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus

For more information, call 301-753-6664, or visit
www.friendsofchapmansp.org.

Ballet Arts Academy Summer Dance Camp



Monday - Friday, July 13 - 31, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Boys and Girls Ages 5 and Older
Old Waldorf School
3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf

Classes in ballet, jazz, modern, pointe, make-up,
music and acting. For more information and to
[register](http://www.balletartsacademy.org), call 301-932-4002, email
dance@balletartsacademy.org, or visit
www.balletartsacademy.wix.com.

Port Tobacco Players

Monty Python's Spamalot

Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

July 17 - August 9

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$17 Adults, \$14 Seniors (60+), Youth to 18, Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



(Adult musical comedy) Lovingly ripped
off from the classic film comedy "Monty
Python and the Holy Grail," "Spamalot"
is a hilarious musical retelling of the
legend of King Arthur and his Knights of
the Round Table. Featuring a cavalcade
of cows, killer rabbits, French people,
acts of brave (and not so brave) chivalry,
beautiful show girls and one very special
shrubbery, "Spamalot" will have you
rolling in the aisles and humming a
merry tune (you can even sing along at

the end of the show!). After all, as the Monty Python boys say,
"Always look on the bright side of life!" For more information and
to order tickets, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit
www.ptplayers.com.

Tantallon Community Players Auditions Company

Monday - Tuesday, July 27 - 28, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

Why Not Join Us Now?

Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or
renew by mail.

Thank you for supporting the Charles County
Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax
deductible.

St. John's Church
9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington
Audition Register Deadline: July 22



This Tony-winning
Sondheim musical
explores the ups and
downs of married life,
from newlyweds to those
who've "done it three or
four times," as the
central unmarried
character struggles to
decide whether it's really
all worth it as he turns
35. Performances take

place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and
11, 2015, at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston
Road, Fort Washington, MD. For more information and to
download the audition form, visit tantallonplayers.org.

Town of La Plata

Kids' Summer Shows

Class Acts Art - DinoRock - Dinosaurs Forever!

Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public

Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Sitting



As long as children dream
BIG dreams, dinosaurs will
be part of their fantasy
lives. Combining a child's
fascination for dinosaurs
with giant dinosaur puppets
and catchy dinosaur tunes
is what DinoRock
Productions loves to
do. *Dinosaurs Forever!* is a

dinosaur musical revue. Come sing along, stomp around and
giggle often with the dinosaurs of DinoRock as we cheer:
"Dinosaurs Forever!" For more information about Class Acts Arts,
go to <http://www.classactsarts.org/artist/dinorock>. For a complete
list of summer kids shows, go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org>,
and click on Events, then Kids Summer Shows.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

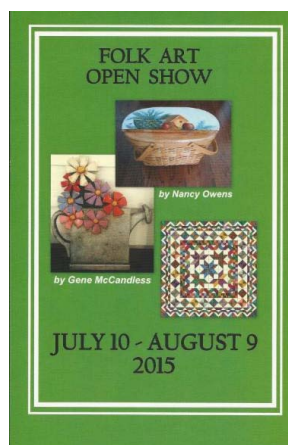
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information about events, workshops and discounts
for early registration, call 301-743-5159 or go to

www.mattawomanart.org. Click [here](#) to download the summer

programs brochure.



Folk Art Open Show

July 10 - August 9

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Reception: Sunday, July 12

1:00 - 4:00 pm

MCAC Workshops

Drypoint Printmaking

Saturday, July 18, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

\$20 Fee for Materials Payable to the Instructor

Instructor: Harriett Lawler



Favored by the old masters for its dramatic effects, drypoint is an intaglio printing process (such as etching or engraving), done without the use of acid.

You will draw directly onto a zinc printing plate and will learn how to use hand-inking and

wiping techniques. Making working proofs will help you achieve your final composition. You may wish to print an edition of your composition at this point, or you can add color to your prints using monotype techniques. For those interested, there will be an opportunity to create cards, either as an edition or as individual monoprints. To save time, please bring a photograph, or your own design, to use as a basis for your composition. All levels.

Introduction to the Art of Painting on Silk

Wednesday - Thursday, July 22 - 23, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Fee: \$210 Members / \$220 Nonmembers

Instructor: Diane Tuckman, www.iteachsilkart.com

Apply the brush to silk once and you are hooked for ever! You will learn the basic silk painting techniques and vocabulary, painting eight technical pieces that you will be able to take home. The techniques taught are stretching, diluting, resisting, spotting, salting, double loading, wet-on-wet, fabric setting and more. There will be an in-depth discussion with many visual samples of hand painted fabrics. Diane is an accomplished silk painter and has co-written



several books about this art form. Materials used during the workshop are included in the cost. Bring latex gloves. No art experience is necessary to take this workshop.

Folk Art Mirror

Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$30 Members / \$40 Nonmembers

\$15 Fee Payable to the Instructor for Surface, Acrylic Paints and Pattern

Instructor: Nancy Owens



Create a basic primitive acrylic design on a wooden framed mirror. It is done in a basic decorative painting style. Bring wet palette, graphite paper, and the following brushes: Flats 2, 8, 10, 1/2-inch; a Liner, a mop, and deerfoot 1/4" and 1/2". Learn how to paint on a usable wooden surface. Class limited to 12 students. Beginners to intermediate

welcome.

MCAC Friday Open Studio

Now through August 28, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials and your lunch. Bring your friends (both members and nonmembers). Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process!

ArtSmart Studio

Summer Camps for Ages 7 to 17

Monday - Friday

July 13 - July 17

July 20 - July 24

August 10 - 14

Two Sessions Per Week: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Cost: \$125 per session, \$195 for both sessions per week,

Multiple sibling discounts available upon request.

The camp is designed to spark visual intelligence by delving into the rich



toolbox of the elements of art and design! Skills will be increased and visual IQ's will soar! All three weeks will be a bit different, and cater to the unique participants' needs. If attending both sessions a day, the student should plan to bring a bag lunch. A reception will be held on Friday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30, to display the art work. Students can invite guests and

will take their art works home afterwards. Minimum number needed to hold a camp is 5, and maximum capacity is 12.

Register at [Art Smart Studio](#). For more information and directions to the camp, call 240-258-7758, or send an email to art.smart.studio1@gmail.com

Maryland Art Place

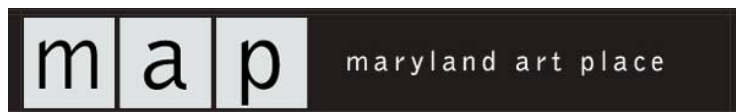
Request for Proposals:

IMPACT at GREEN SPRING STATION

Open to All Maryland-based Artists

Application Deadline: Saturday, August 15, 2015

Download the Full RFP [HERE](#).



MAP is now accepting applications for its fall 2015 IMPACT project at Green Spring Station, located at 10803 Falls Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. This fall, MAP is partnering with Green Spring Station for an artist or team of artists to create an original temporary indoor installation comprised of a wide assortment of items from the merchants of Green Spring Station. The selected artist/artist team will receive a \$1,000 stipend to cover the cost of materials and labor. Installation is scheduled to take place between October 1 and November 13, 2015. Green Spring Station will host an opening reception at the site in mid-November.

IMPACT is a public art initiative developed to extend Maryland Art Place's programming to broader audiences. Each IMPACT project is unique and developed based on the partnering site. MAP plans to host two to three IMPACT projects over the course of 2015.

For more information please contact Paul Shortt at 410-962-8565 or paul@mdartplace.org.

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Charles County Public Library

Summer Reading Program

Continues through August 15. . . . and it's not just for kids!

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Now through August 15

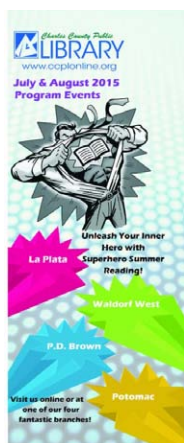


Charles County Public Library is encouraging teens and adults to get into the program. This year, we're using bookmarks and hole

punches to track Summer Reading activities. You can earn hole punches for checking out books, using a computer, attending a program, or getting help from a staff member. You'll be able to get up to three hole punches per day. Every time you collect 10 hole punches in your bookmark, you'll be entered to win one of our incredible prizes! Come in to the library and sign up today!

For more information and to view the list of prizes, [click here](#), or contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395, ext. 417.

Charles County Library Schedule For July/August



Get a copy of the [July/August](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are computer classes, book discussions, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-934-9001 or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



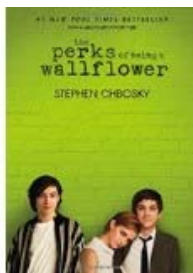
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.

July 9: ***The Perks of Being a Wallflower*** by Stephen Chbosky. In this critically acclaimed debut novel, *Perks* follows observant "wallflower" Charlie as he charts a course through the strange world between adolescence and adulthood. First dates, family drama, and new friends. Sex, drugs, and *The*



Rocky Horror Picture Show. Devastating loss, young love, and life on the fringes. Caught between trying to live his life and trying to run from it, Charlie must learn to navigate those wild and poignant roller-coaster days known as growing up.

Waldorf Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month (note date changed for July) from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, and reserve a book with your library card.



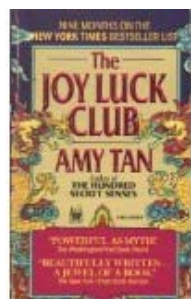
July 11: ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass***

by Lewis Carroll. In 1862 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a shy Oxford mathematician with a stammer, created a story about a little girl tumbling down a rabbit hole. Thus began the immortal adventures of Alice, perhaps the most popular heroine in English literature. Countless scholars have tried to define the charm of the Alice books

with those wonderfully eccentric characters such as the Queen of Hearts, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the Cheshire Cat, Mock Turtle, and the Mad Hatter, by proclaiming that they really comprise a satire on language, a political allegory, a parody of Victorian children's literature, even a reflection of contemporary ecclesiastical history. Perhaps, as Dodgson might have said, Alice is no more than a dream, a fairy tale about the trials and tribulations of growing up or down, or all turned round, as seen through the expert eyes of a child.

Book to Film Discussion Series

Meets on Saturday for the summer, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



July 11: ***The Joy Luck Club*** by Amy Tan.

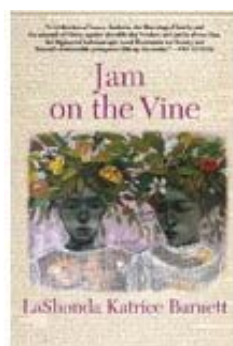
Four mothers, four daughters, four families whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's "saying" the stories. In 1949, four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. United in shared unspeakable loss and hope, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. Rather than sink

into tragedy, they choose to gather to raise their spirits and money. "To despair was to wish back for something already lost. Or to prolong what was already unbearable." Forty years later the stories and history continue. With wit and sensitivity, Amy Tan examines the sometimes painful, often tender, and always deep connection between mothers and daughters. As each woman

reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined.

Writers of Color Book Club

Note location change! A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of African descent who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at alternating locations. The July meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



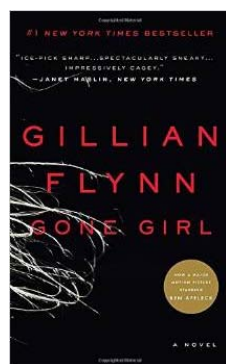
July 21: ***Jam on the Vine: A Novel*** by LaShonda Katrice Barnett. Ivoe Williams, the precocious daughter of a Muslim cook and a metalsmith from Texas, first ignites her lifelong obsession with journalism when she steals a newspaper from her mother's white employer. After earning a scholarship to the prestigious Willetson College in Austin, and eventually settling in Kansas City, she founds the first female-run African American newspaper, *Jam! On the Vine*. In the throes of the Red

Summer, the 1919 outbreak of lynchings and race riots across the Midwest, Ivoe risks her freedom, and her life, to call attention to the atrocities of segregation in the American prison system.

Jam! On the Vine is both an epic vision of the hardships and injustices that defined an era and a moving and compelling story of a complicated history we only thought we knew.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.

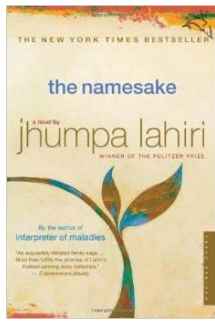


July 22: ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn. On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media, as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents, Nick, the town golden boy, parades an endless series of lies, deceptions, and inappropriate behavior. He is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter--but is Nick really a killer?

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.

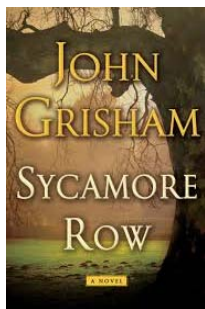
August 5: ***The Namesake*** by Jhumpa Lahiri. The Ganguli family struggles to transform from their traditional-bound life in Calcutta into becoming Americans. On the heels of their arranged wedding, Ashoke and



Ashima Ganguli settle together in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When their son is born, the task of naming him betrays the vexed results of bringing old ways to the new world. Named for a Russian writer by his Indian parents in memory of a catastrophe years before, Gogol Ganguli knows only that he suffers the burden of his heritage as well as his odd, antic name. Lahiri brings great empathy to Gogol as he stumbles along the first-generation path, strewn with conflicting loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs. With penetrating insight, she reveals not only the defining power of the names and expectations bestowed upon us by our parents, but also the means by which we slowly, sometimes painfully, come to define ourselves.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more information, call 301-934-9001.



August 6: ***Sycamore Row*** by John Grisham. Three years after his victory in the Carl Lee Hailey case, Jake Brigance believes his glory days as a trial lawyer are gone. Jake's commitment to his profession is revived when he is called on to defend Seth Hubbard's seemingly incredible decision to disinherit his family and name his black housekeeper as his beneficiary. Why? In *Sycamore Row*, Jake searches for an answer as he returns to the courtroom arena in a legal battle against larger, well-financed law firms. As Jake pursues justice at all costs, the prejudices, racial tensions, and southern social structures of 1950s Mississippi are once again explored under John Grisham's pen.

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Nanjemoy Community Center



The Nanjemoy Community Center offers a wide variety of programs and services designed to

fulfill the needs of the Nanjemoy community for all ages from tots to senior adults. Click [here](#) to get a copy of their newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of [The Scoop](#), Charles County's Senior Center News.

The Center is located at 4375 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662. For more information, call 301-246-9612, 301-

753-1647, or click [here](#) to go to their website. The Center is open Monday and Wednesday - 8:30 am - 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) is to stimulate, promote, encourage, and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit. Founded in 1987, the CCAA promotes ALL the arts in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

The CCAA is the official arts council of Charles County and is recognized as such by the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) of the State of Maryland. In this capacity, the CCAA serves as the "umbrella" organization for the arts community in Charles County. The CCAA promotes Charles County arts organizations and individuals, provides financial support to nonprofit organizations and the schools through its annual arts grant programs, sponsors the creation and presentation of new, diverse cultural activities and special events for the community, provides arts scholarships, and ensures the Charles County's underserved population, people with disabilities, residents with limited income, minorities, and senior citizens have access to the arts. The CCAA builds partnerships with local government, the business community and the educational community, in an effort to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Charles County.