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ArtsFest 2015 is Coming!

Call for Artists, Authors, Exhibitors!

Saturday, June 13, 2015  
(Rain Date: Sunday, June 14)  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall  
305 Queen Anne Street  
La Plata, MD

First "Early Bird Discount" Ends March 31!

Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Form

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**Deadline to Register Extended to March 6!**

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## Tantallon Community Players Auditions Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Click [HERE](#) to download the registration form.

Adults: Monday - Tuesday, March 9 - 10, 7:00 - 9:30 pm  
Walk-ins Accommodated as Time Permits  
Harmony Hall Regional Center  
10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Children (ages 8 thru 11): Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Special "Late-nik" Walk-ins: 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744



Performances will be held at Harmony Hall on May 22, 23, 29, 30, 31, and June 5, 6, and 7. For more information about registering, children's dress requirements, music, and rehearsal times, go to [www.tantallonplayers.org](http://www.tantallonplayers.org) or call 301-843-3987.

## The Newtowne Players

### Boeing, Boeing

March 5 - 8

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$13 Members;

\$12 Students/Military/Seniors (65+);

\$10 Children (12 and under)

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



It's the 1960s, and swinging American bachelor Bernard couldn't be happier: a flat in Paris and three gorgeous stewardesses all engaged to him without knowing about each other. But Bernard's perfect life gets bumpy when his friend Robert comes to stay and a new and speedier Boeing jet throws off all of his careful planning. Soon all three stewardesses are in town simultaneously, timid Robert is

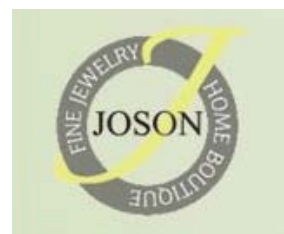
forgetting which lies to tell to whom, and catastrophe looms. For more information and to reserve tickets, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

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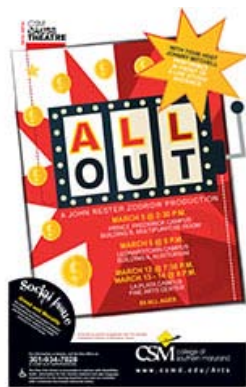
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Thursday, March 5, 2:30 pm  
Prince Frederick Campus  
Building B, Multipurpose Room  
115 J.W. Williams Road

Friday, March 6, 8:00 pm  
Leonardtwn Campus  
Building A, Auditorium  
22950 Hollywood Road

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm  
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theater  
8730 Mitchell Road

Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, 8:00 pm  
La Plata Campus, Business and Industry Building (BI)  
Room 103, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$5 All Ages, Production may not be suitable for younger audiences.

The stage is set for a television game show, but it's to be a game that goes to the essence of morality today. To what extremes will the contestants go to win a prize of \$100,000? The show begins as a typical, enthusiastic, laugh-it-up contest. Then, peeling away layer by layer the exteriors of the various contestants, the sometimes debasing price of success begins to be revealed. For more information and to order tickets, contact the CSM Box Office at [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu). call 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts/CauseTheatre.html>.

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### College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre

#### The Emperor's New Clothes

Friday, March 6, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors, \$5 Youth (High School and Below)



The kingdom of Glump has been taxed to abstraction ever since their emperor became a pampered clothes horse with a lack of taste! Not only is he an egotistical hypochondriac, he has three "lovely" daughters who are quickly becoming chips off the old

blockhead. The emperor and his family are so busy mismatching their wardrobe, the rest of the kingdom is in a shambles. Enter two con artists who devise an ingenious plan for fleecing the emperor. Based on the tale by Hans Christian Andersen. For more information and to order tickets, contact the CSM Box Office

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## Tantallon Community Players

### Harvey

Friday, March 6, 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 7, 3:00 and 8:00 pm

Sunday, March 8, 3:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Students and Seniors (age 60+)

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The age-old question: What if a man's best friend is a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit? Okay, so maybe that's not an age-old question, but it opens up another: Is there any way to get rid of a six-foot-tall invisible rabbit if his best friend is determined not to let him go? This hilarious and touching comedy is not to be missed. To order tickets, go to [www.tantallonplayers.org](http://www.tantallonplayers.org).

## La Plata High School

### International Championship High School

#### A Cappella Mid-Atlantic Finals

Saturday, March 7, 7:00 pm

6035 Radio Station Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$10 Students

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



La Plata's a cappella group, Unplugged, will compete against nine other high schools for the Mid-Atlantic region finalist position. All first-place winners advance to the final event scheduled for April 17, in New York City. For more information, go to <http://www.freshtix.com/events/ichsa-mid-atlantic-2015>.

## Grace Christian Academy

### Beauty and the Beast

Thursday-Friday, March 12-13, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 14, 2:00 pm

13000 Zekiah Drive, Waldorf

Tickets: \$7 Adults, \$5 Children and Seniors

This timeless musical is a delight for all ages. Children are invited to wear their favorite prince or princess costume and get their picture taken with Belle and her friends on any of the nights. For more

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@charlescountyyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyyarts.org) or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

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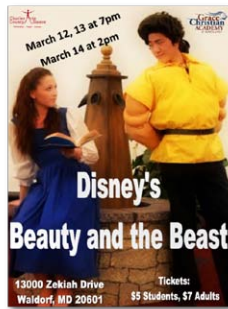
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Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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## Chesapeake Choral Arts Society Spring 2015 POPS Concert

### Music of World War II

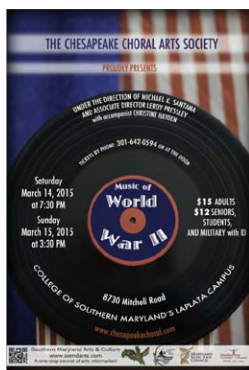
Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 15, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland

La Plata Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Students and Military with ID



To commemorate the 75th anniversary of WW II, The *Music of WW II* concert will feature fun and familiar music, including *Apple Blossom Time*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, *White Cliffs of Dover*, *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, and *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*. Also featured will be some of the Choral Arts Society's own talented individuals and small groups with special solos, duets and ensemble numbers. Enjoy the beautiful melodies, and be entertained by a spotlight of local veteran talent!

Tickets can be purchased at the door

(cash/check only), online at [www.chesapeakechoral.com](http://www.chesapeakechoral.com), or by calling 301-642-0594.

## Port Tobacco Players

### Oklahoma

March 20 - April 12

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Family Musical) "Oklahoma.... where the wind comes sweeping down the plain" was the first collaboration by Rodgers & Hammerstein, and opened on Broadway in 1943. It's still just as lovable 70 years later. This classic musical, set in the Western Indian

territory in the early 1900s, tells the story of the handsome cowboy Curly and the winsome farm girl Laurey. Alas, the road to true love never runs smooth and in this classic, it is a bumpy ride down a country road in a "Surrey with the Fringe on Top"! To order tickets, go to [www.ptplayers.org](http://www.ptplayers.org) or call the Box Office at

301-932-6819.

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College of Southern Maryland  
Barbershop Extravaganza  
Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm  
La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theater  
8730 Mitchell Road  
Tickets: \$5 in Advance; \$7 Day of Event



Southern Mix, directed by Paul Douglass, will be joined by professional ensembles for an afternoon of barbershop harmony.

Visit <http://csmd.edu/Arts/somix/index.html> or to reserve tickets, contact the Box Office at [bxoffc@csmd.edu](mailto:bxoffc@csmd.edu), or call 301-934-7828.

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Ballet Arts Academy  
The Oscar Hawkins Talent Show  
Saturday, March 28, 7:00 pm  
3074 Crain Highway, Waldorf  
Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$10 Children under 18



Tickets can be purchased at the Academy or online at [www.balletartsacademy.org](http://www.balletartsacademy.org). For more information, call 301-932-4002, or email [Dance@BalletArtsAcademy.org](mailto:Dance@BalletArtsAcademy.org).

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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](http://www.mattawomanart.org).

## MCAC Winter Tea

Sunday, March 8, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free!



Enjoy tea and treats while visiting the Gallery!

For more information, visit [www.mattawomanart.org](http://www.mattawomanart.org).

## MCAC Friday Open Studio

March 6 - May 22, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

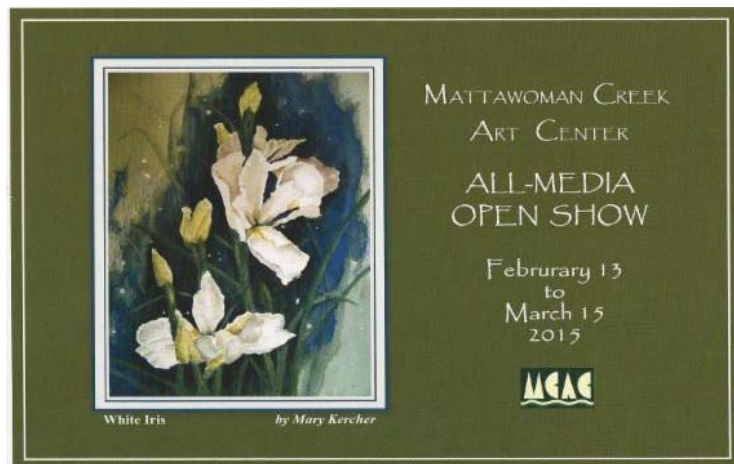
Free!



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!

## All-Media Open Show

Now to March 15



## Mattawoman Creek Art Center Workshops

### Focusing on the Hummingbirds in Your Own Backyard

Saturday, March 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

Instructors: Bill Cassidy & Marilyn Wockley

This workshop is geared toward amateur photographers interested in learning techniques and secrets for producing quality photos of hummingbirds and enjoying it. It will include: setting up a hummingbird habitat, using creative staging equipment, and learning tricks to make the photography



process easier. Bring your cameras and camera manuals. Tripods are useful but not required.

### Three-Dimensional Fiber Art: Basketry

Sundays, March 15, April 19, May 17

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuition: \$10 / Fees: \$159, Includes all Materials

Instructor: Pamela King



Information about basket uses and forms, materials and methods will be discussed. Techniques will be demonstrated and you will develop your skills through experiential learning. Three baskets will be completed: a Jeremiah basket, a rectangular basket with a built-in wooden handle, shaping to give the corners "cheeks," and a special rim; a potato basket, rib basket woven on a wooden hoop which makes a great storage or display basket; and a Cherokee style comb basket, a wall basket inspired by Indian baskets used for personal items. Some choice of dyed accent colors will be available. The workshop is hosted by Mattawoman Creek Art Center, but registration is through the College of Southern Maryland. Register at [www.csmd.edu/Go/Register](http://www.csmd.edu/Go/Register).

### Mini Intro to Zentangle®

Tuesday, March 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 noon

Fee: \$15 (no early bird special)

\$5 Materials Fee due to the Instructor

Instructor: Jill Smithson



This introductory class is for students wishing to take an advanced Zentangle® class, but have had no prior experience with Zentangle®. The Mini Intro will be held one hour prior to the advanced class, and you must pre-register.

### Peek-a-Boo Zentangle®

Tuesday, March 24, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 members / \$50 nonmembers

\$10 Materials Fee due to the Instructor, or \$5 for participants bringing their basic kit of Micron 01, pencil and tortillion



Instructor: Jill Smithson



Windows of Zen! Create window peek-a-boo cards with colorful pages of Zentangle® patterns adorning and inviting the viewer/recipient to open. This class will open you to new ways of sharing your Zentangle® art.

Prerequisite: Zentangle® Foundational or Mini Intro.

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## Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

### Sandy Scales Seminar

Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Holiday Inn Express, 6860 Crain Highway, La Plata

\$65 One Day, \$125 Both Days (Tutorial Packets additional charge)

Registration Due: Mid-March



Talented, experienced, decorative painting teacher Sandy Scales will teach Maureen McNaughton's Jamaican Hibiscus and Doctor Bird as well as Floral Medley and Flutterbyes. Both use traditional and contemporary

strokes plus vivid colors to create spectacular artwork. Tutorial packets can be downloaded from the designer's website, [www.MaureenMcNaughton.com](http://www.MaureenMcNaughton.com), or ordered from SMDP for an additional small printing fee. To register, contact: Southern MD Decorative Painters at [LearnToPaint@outlook.com](mailto:LearnToPaint@outlook.com), or call D. Williams at 240-298-6474. For more information and to view photos, go to [www.smdpaint.org](http://www.smdpaint.org).

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## Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Erin Wiersma

Liminal Territories

Now through March 20

College of Southern Maryland, Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Erin Wiersma's current work explores what exists beyond the edges of the surface, beyond the image itself. In these new drawings, she seeks to address the liminal within her work to reconnect with the performance of making, seeking a confluence between the spiritual and material aspects of being. In doing so, she cultivates a sense of mutual seeing and

revelation in the process of creating. The results are pieces that could be perceived as ganglions of tiny alien veins and capillaries or other micro organic systems, mapping explicit gestures and patterns. They may also be perceived as minute diagrams of synapses or of the myriad of complex activity going on constantly in the universe and within us. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/Arts>.

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## LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

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Read Across America Month

Take the 30/30 READING CHALLENGE

You could win a Kindle Fire!

Open to K-12 students enrolled in a Maryland public school



Beginning March 1, 2015, read at least 30 minutes for 30 days to celebrate Read Across Maryland Month. Read with family, friends or by yourself and post your favorite reading experience. Your submissions make you eligible for a random

drawing to win a Kindle Fire.

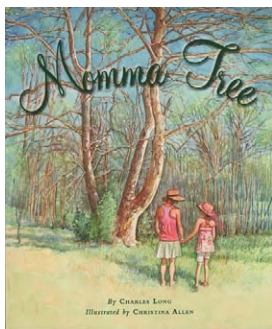
[Click here](#) to download the 2015 Reading Log. To learn more, view the [30/30 Reading Challenge flyer](#).

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Local Author Charles Long

Winner of Mom's Choice Gold Award

Momma Tree



Charles County author and pastor, Charles Long, recently won a Mom's Choice Gold Award for his children's book, *Momma Tree*. *Momma Tree* is a life-affirming story about a young girl and her mother as they learn about nature and life. The book was illustrated by well-known local artist, Christina Allen. To find out more about the award, visit [www.momschoiceawards.com](http://www.momschoiceawards.com) and search for "Momma Tree." The book can

be purchased through [Mom's Choice Awards Store](#), [Amazon](#), or (best of all) through Charles Long directly ([www.mommatreebook.com](http://www.mommatreebook.com)). For more information, contact Charles Long at [longcharlesm@gmail.com](mailto:longcharlesm@gmail.com).

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Connections Literary Readings

Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps

and Author/Poet Fred Foote

Friday, March 6, 7:30 pm

La Plata Campus, Center for Business and Industry (BI), Room

103, 8730 Mitchell Road

Tickets: \$3 in Advance; \$5 at the Event; \$3 with CSM Student ID



Award-winning writers and veterans Retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron Capps (left) and Dr. Fred Foote will discuss their time in the U.S. military and how it has influenced their literary writing. For more information, call 301-934-7864, [Connections@csmd.edu](mailto:Connections@csmd.edu), or go to [www.csmd.edu/connections](http://www.csmd.edu/connections).

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## BookNuts BookStore

### BOGO Clearance Sale!

4459 Crain Highway, White Plains

Store Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm, Tuesday through

Saturday; 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, Sunday and Monday



BookNuts BookStore is closing its doors soon. Beginning Saturday, March 7, all books are buy one-get one free! That's 50 cents a book! There are over 15,000 books in the store, in all genres. Book purchases are also available through their website at [BookNutsBookStore.com](http://BookNutsBookStore.com). For more information, call 301-836-

6236.

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## Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.

Celebrates the Literary Arts!

### Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Location to be Announced



Come to the LJWC's *Nuts and Bolts Gathering* and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more. Members, bring your works to read. Visitors, come check us out, network and critique.

Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc.

Write on Saturdays - with a Twist!

March 28, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Location to be Announced

Registration Fee: \$59.99

Deadline to Register: Friday, March 20

**REGISTER NOW!**



Dedicate just one Saturday to electrify your passion - to journey the road to creating polished writing projects worthy of publication. Bring your works in progress. Expect to write, critique and edit. Gain invaluable writing, publishing and promotional tips, with time to create. Ten writers maximum. The session also

features on-site line and content editing from a professional editor. Refreshments provided throughout the day, and includes lunch.

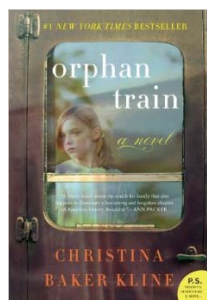
For more information about the workshops, call 301-705-8972, email [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com), or go to the website at [www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com](http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com).



Adult Discussion Book Groups

### Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group

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.



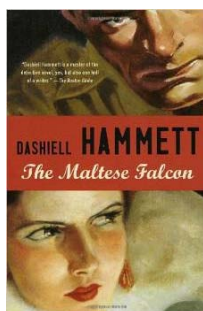
March 5: **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be.

Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

### Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month 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.

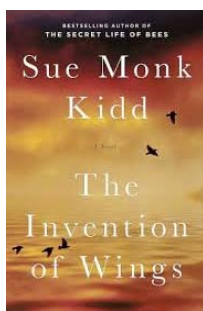
March 7: **The Maltese Falcon** by Dashiell Hammett. A treasure worth killing for. Sam Spade, a slightly shopworn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics. A perfumed grafter named Joel Cairo, a fat man name Gutman, and Brigid O'Shaughnessy, a beautiful and treacherous woman whose loyalties shift at the drop of a dime. These are the ingredients of



Dashiell Hammett's coolly glittering gem of detective fiction, a novel that has haunted three generations of readers.

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**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.



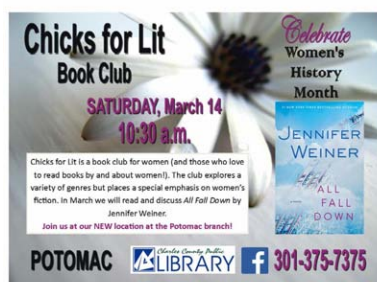
March 12: ***The Invention of Wings*** by Sue Monk Kidd. Hetty "Handful" Grimké, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimké household. The Grimké's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with

unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader unmoved.

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### Chicks for Lit Book Club

Note time and location change! Meets on Saturdays from 10:30 - 12:00 noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD. Pre-registration is required; click [here](#) to register for this discussion. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



March 14: ***All Fall Down*** by Jennifer Weiner.

Allison Weiss got her happy ending: a handsome husband, an adorable little girl, a job she loves, and a big house in the suburbs. But when she's in the pediatrician's office with her daughter and a magazine flips open to a quiz about addiction,

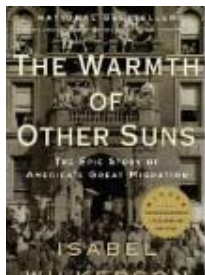
she starts to wonder whether her use of prescription pills is becoming a problem. *All Fall Down* is the story of a woman's slide into addiction and the struggle to find her way back up again. With a sparkling comedic touch and tender, true-to-life characterizations, this tale of empowerment and redemption is Jennifer Weiner's most poignant, timely, and triumphant story yet.

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### Writers of Color Book Club

Note time and location change! A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of the African diaspora who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at alternating locations. The March meeting will be held at the Potomac

Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, MD, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register for the next discussion. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



March 24: ***The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*** by Isabel Wilkerson. Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life. From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves. Both a riveting microcosm and a major assessment, *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic.

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### 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.



March 25: ***The Husband's Secret*** by Liane Moriarty. "My darling Cecilia, if you're reading this, then I've died. . ." Imagine that your husband wrote you a letter, to be opened after his death. Imagine, too, that the letter contains his deepest, darkest secret, something with the potential to destroy not just the life you built together, but the lives of others as well. Imagine, then, that you stumble across that letter while your

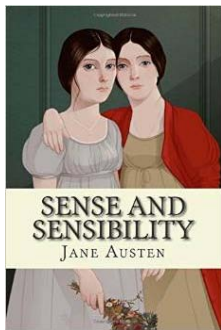
husband is still very much alive! Acclaimed author Liane Moriarty has written a gripping, thought-provoking novel about how well it is really possible to know our spouses, and ultimately ourselves.

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### Jane Austen Book & Film Club

Meets six times a year from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, on the last Thursday of the month at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, with your library card number to place a copy of the book on reserve for you.

March 26: ***Sense and Sensibility*** by Jane Austen. *Sense and Sensibility* was Ms. Austen's first published work when it appeared in 1811 under the pseudonym "A Lady." A work of romantic fiction, better known as a comedy of manners, the novel is set in southwest England, London and



Kent, between 1792 and 1797, and portrays the life and loves of the Dashwood sisters, Elinor and Marianne. The story follows the young ladies to their new home, a meager cottage on a distant relative's property, where they experience love, romance and heartbreak. The philosophical resolution of the novel is ambiguous: the reader must decide whether sense and sensibility have truly merged.

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**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.



April 1: **Whistling Past the Graveyard** by Susan Crandall. In the summer of 1963, nine-year-old Starla Claudelle runs away from her strict grandmother's Mississippi home. Starla's destination is Nashville, where her mother went to become a famous singer, abandoning Starla when she was three. Walking a lonely country road, Starla accepts a ride from Eula, a black woman traveling alone with a white baby. Now, on the road trip that will change her life forever, Starla sees for the

first time life as it really is--as she reaches for a dream of how it could one day be.

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## Charles County Library Schedule For March and April



Get a copy of the [March/April](#) 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.

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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. For details of all events, get a copy of their [March](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [March](#) edition 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, 301-934-5423, 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.

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