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ArtsFest 2015 is This Weekend!

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

Artist Vendors! Music! Food! Free Admission!

The Charles County Arts Alliance is pleased to announce our 23rd annual ArtsFest, to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, on the beautiful grounds of the La Plata Town Hall, in La Plata, Maryland. ArtsFest is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland. We are pleased to be presenting ArtsFest for the fourth year in partnership with the Town of La Plata.

In addition to the 60+ artists, exhibitors and food vendors, there's music, dancing and children's activities that will make this a fun-filled day for the whole family. Click [HERE](#) to see the insert from the June 3 Maryland Independent!

See you on Saturday at ArtsFest 2015!

For more info, contact our CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

We need a few more volunteers to help with a variety of tasks for two to four hours, beginning at 11:00 am and ending at 5:00 pm, on Saturday. If you can help out, please call Judy at 301-392-5900, to sign up!

THANK YOU!

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Free Evening Concerts Two Locations!



Thursdays, 7:00 pm
O'Donnell Lake
10400 O'Donnell
Place
Waldorf

June 11 - U.S. Naval
Academy Electric Brigade

June 18 - John Lewis

June 25 - Lynn Hollyfield

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

Fridays, 7:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall
305 Queen Anne
Street
La Plata

June 12 - Four of a Kind

June 19 - The Sea Chanters

June 26 - Drivin' Muzzy

July 3 - Paul Thomas and
MWB

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

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Bullock's Piano Salon

Complete Family Music Center — School Band Rental Program, Rental, Sales, Service, New & Used

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

August 28 - Southern Maryland Concert Band

For both locations, bring lawn chairs or blankets.

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

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.

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.

Hard Bargain Players Down the Road

Fridays and Saturdays, June 12 - 27, 8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Students, Seniors and Members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Bill Reach, a convicted serial killer, hires Dan and Iris Henniman, a husband and wife writing team, to help him write an account of his crimes. Over many weeks of interviews, the couple grow more and

more uncertain of the ethics of what they are doing. Are they simply relating terrifying events, or are they helping readers consume heinous crimes as they would any other product of our society? Are they, in fact, helping to turn Bill Reach into a celebrity? To order tickets, send an email to hbplayersboxoffice@gmail.com. For more information, go to www.hbplayers.org/index.php.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society *An Evening of Bernstein*

Saturday, June 13, 7:30 pm

Sunday, June 14, 3:30 pm

College of Southern Maryland, La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Military and Youth

CCAS performs "Chichester Psalms" as well as excerpts from "West Side Story," "On the Town," "Wonderful Town," "Peter Pan," "Candide," and several of

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The Chesapeake Choral Arts Society
PRESENTS
 under the direction of Michael K. Santana

AN EVENING OF BERNSTEIN

Featuring "Clichester Psalms"
 including excerpts from
 West Side Story, On The Town, Wonderful Town,
 Peter Pan, Candide, and some of his
 instrumental and classical work!

Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 7:30 pm
 Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:30 pm
 at the
 College of Southern Maryland
 LaPlata campus Fine Arts building
 8750 Mitchell Road
 LaPlata, MD 20686

\$15 ADULTS
 \$12 SENIORS, STUDENTS AND MILITARY with ID
 (Students must be at least 18 years old)
 (Seated 15 minutes before the start of the concert)

www.chesapeakechoral.com

Southern Maryland Arts & Culture
 www.smdarts.org
 A one-stop source of arts information

Bernstein's instrumental and classical works. Tickets can be purchased at the door, or reserved by calling Carol Charnock at 301-642-0594. For more information, go to <http://www.chesapeakechoral.com>.

Charles County Freedom Landing Open House

Music: One Path to Wellness

Tuesday - Friday, June 16 - 19, 2:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday, June 20, 12:00 noon - 6:00 pm

400 Potomac Street, La Plata

Open to the Public!



The Open House gives the community the opportunity to see some of the instruments and work created by participants in the Freedom Landing program. This event was sponsored through a grant from the Charles County Arts Alliance. For more information, call 301-932-2737.

Life Journeys Writers Club

Prison Plumb Line: A Lyrical Drama

Saturday, June 20

VIP Reception 6:00 pm

Showtime 7:00 pm

DC Black Theatre Festival

Undercroft Theatre

Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church

900 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

Tickets: \$35 for Reception and Play; \$15 Play Only

PRISON PLUMB LINE, A LYRICAL DRAMA

DIRECTED BY SONYA HEMPHILL

FINDING YOUR BEAUTY UNDER THE ROCK OF LIFE
 FIVE WOMEN IN PRISON, FIVE CHANCES TO CHANGE!

Saturday, June 20, 2015
 V.I.P. Reception: 6 p.m.
 Showtime: 7 p.m.

at The UNDERCROFT THEATRE
 Mt. Vernon Place United Methodist Church
 900 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
 Washington, DC 20001

V.I.P. Reception (includes play) \$45-60
 Tickets (play) \$15-20
 Visit www.prisonplumbline.com
 or CALL 301-705-8972

Adapted from novella by Yvonne J. Medley / Stage Play by Margaret Locklear

Five women in prison, five chances for change. *The Prison Plumb Line, The Novella* is based on Charles County author Yvonne Medley's twenty years of volunteerism (Bible studies and writing workshops) in correctional facilities for men, women and youth. To purchase tickets, go to www.prisonplumbline.com, email prisonplumbline@gmail.com, or call 301-705-8972.

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Port Tobacco Players

Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Port Tobacco Players Auditions

The Westing Game

Tuesday, June 23; Thursday, June 25, 7:00 pm;

Saturday, June 27, 9:00 am

Rehearsal Hall, Port Tobacco Players Theater

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: The unsuspecting residents of Sunset Towers are summoned to the reading of a mysterious will, only to find themselves locked in a thrilling game, as they must discover who is responsible for killing an eccentric millionaire. Through blizzards, bombings and unlikely alliances, the game is on, and the only people who hold all the clues are one Westing heir and you.

Roles open for 8 men and 7 women. Auditions will consist of a combination of cold readings from the script and a short improv exercise. There are lots of opportunities for experienced and less experienced actors - and the casting is diverse since the potential heirs come from all different backgrounds. Scheduled performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from September 25 to October 11, 2015.

For more information and details on the characters, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/auditions.html> or contact the Producer at 240-346-6448.

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Open Mic Night

Tuesday, June 30, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Free Admission



Come out and showcase your musical talent, or just come to enjoy music from your local musicians. Whether they are originals or covers, we are looking for all styles of music. All we ask is that you keep the music suitable for family listening. Snacks and coffee will be provided. For more information, call 240-349-2953.

Flute Magic! 2015 Flute Camp!

Monday - Friday, July 6 - 10, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Ages 8-18, Maximum 20 students

First Baptist Church of Waldorf

Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

Technical Solutions Sr, LLC

The Royal Tea Room

Town of Indian Head

Town of La Plata

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May Newsletter



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@charlescountysarts.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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10045 Bunker Hill Road, Waldorf



Now in its 7th year! Flutists, aged 8 - 18, share a week of flute fun and challenge in Southern Maryland. Classes include group and private flute lessons, ensemble classes, optional piano class, and arts and crafts. Instructors present recitals, and the students will present

the Grand Finale Concert on Friday, July 10, at 2:30 pm. Staffed by all professional flutists and educators. Click [here](#) to download a Registration Form. Visit <http://lsnell.mtacc.org> for more information or call Lucy Snell, director, at 301-751-5029.

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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.

Port Tobacco Players

Camp Mockabee Registration is Open!

Summer Theatre Kids and Teen Camps

Ages 6 through High School

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Click [here](#) to download a Registration Form

**THE PORT TOBACCO PLAYERS ANNOUNCES**
CAMP
MOCKABEE
2015
Summer Theatre Camp
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: JULY 7, 2015
KIDS CAMP
AGES 6 to 12
July 20 - 24, 2015
"Let Your Imagination Soar!"
Join us for a fantastical journey through theatre with daily workshops ranging from acting and choreography to hair and makeup and much more!
Half-Day Sessions
AM Session: 9:00 am to 11:45 am
PM Session: 1:00 pm to 3:45 pm
Cost: \$125 per Child
Price includes T-shirt and PTP Membership Fees for the 2014/2015 Season
TEEN CAMP
AGES 12 through HS Senior
Session 1 - July 27 - 31, 2015
Session 2 - August 3 - 7, 2015
One-Act Broadway Musical
Join in on helping produce a one-act Broadway musical, the title of which will be revealed the first day of camp. Actors, singers, designers and technicians are all needed for this wonderful collaboration. No experience necessary!
8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Cost: \$225 per Teen
Price includes T-shirt and PTP Membership Fees for the 2014/2015 Season
CAMP IS HELD AT THE PORT TOBACCO THEATER
508 CHARLES STREET, LA PLATA, MD 20646
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE THEATER
AT 301-932-6819

VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Saturday, June 13, 11:30 am

"Baby Bunny" Paint Project

Charlotte Hall Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall

Open to the Public!



Roberta Perry will lead the project from a design by Ely Bravo. Newcomers are welcome and can get a list of the art supplies

required by contacting LearnToPaint@Outlook.com. For more information about the group, visit <http://www.smdpaint.org>.

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

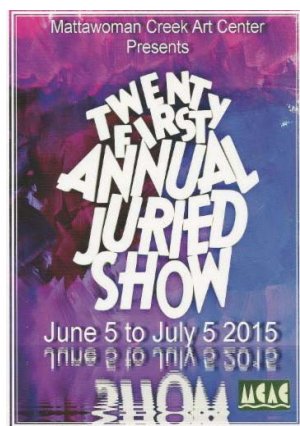
to www.mattawomanart.org. Click [here](#) to download the summer programs brochure.

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!



21st Annual Juried Show

Now through July 5

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Summer Tea

Sunday, June 28

1:00 - 4:00 pm

Free Admission!



Enjoy hot and iced teas, sandwiches, pastries and other treats, plus music by Kathy Keough on harp!

MCAC Workshops

Palette Knife Color Study in Oil

Monday, June 15 (Rain Date June 22)

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers



Learn how to see and paint color using a palette knife, infusing your paintings with light! The class starts with a materials and technique demonstration, followed by a color mixing exercise (returning students may do a morning painting, if they choose). In the afternoon, you will paint still life arrangements in the outdoor

light. Bring gear for oil painting outside and a palette knife with a diamond- or tear-shaped head. The instructor will have some extras to loan out, as well as other sizes and shapes for students to try out. Also bring a hat with a brim. Gessoed boards will be provided. A suggested materials list is available from MCAC or by request from the instructor, sarahhsanwardell@gmail.com. All levels.

Watercolor Inks on Yupo

Date Changed to Tuesday, June 30

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Jung Lea Smith (www.jungsmith.com)



Yupo is a slick, nonabsorbent surface for painting. The water in the paint evaporates instead of soaking into the paper, which leaves interesting puddles, watermarks & very vibrant colors with transparent watercolors. Users of Yupo appreciate that one can wipe off the paint to get back to the original white which also allows for

more experimentation. Watercolor inks are extremely concentrated colors that achieve great brilliance. One can paint abstracts or add realistic focus areas. Bring your watercolor

supplies. Yupo paper and watercolor inks will be provided. All levels.

ArtSmart Studio

Summer Camps for Ages 7 to 17

Mondays - Fridays

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 <http://www.art-smart-studio.com/register>. For more information and directions to the camp, call 240-258-7758, or send an email to art.smart.studio1@gmail.com

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Charles County Public Library

Summer Reading Kick-Off

C4 Charles County Comic Convention

Saturday, June 20, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Open to all ages. Drop in. Join us for our official Summer Reading kick-off with CCPL's very own Comic Convention! It will be a day packed with awesome superhero adventures! Get free comic books. Trade your old books. Skype with professional comic book

artists. Debate who would win in a battle of superhero vs

superhero. Try your hand at Comic Book Jeopardy. Learn about creating your own comic book heroes. Meet the Superheroes of Southern Maryland, and much more! For more information and to get the summer reading list, contact your local library or Sarah Guy, Program and Youth Services Coordinator. SGuy@ccplonline.org, or call 301-645-1395, ext. 417.

Life Journeys Writers Club

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, June 20, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



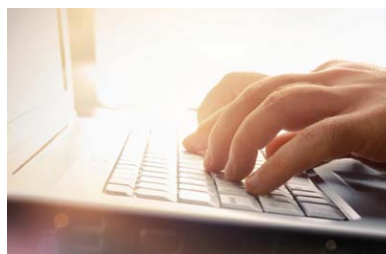
Come to network, glean publishing industry info, get inspired and more. Members will read their works, and all will critique and discuss. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972.

Charles County Public Library

Call for Authors

Deadline to Submit: June 30

10th Annual Authors' Reception: Saturday, August 8, 1:00 - 4:30 pm, Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place



Authors interested in participating in brief discussions about their books, as well as in a meet-and-greet with local book lovers, must submit a chapter or passage from their work to Yvonne Medley at emeddle@aol.com.

Email must include the

author's contact information. Submissions may also be addressed to Sarah Guy and dropped off at any branch library, with instructions for returning the work to the author. Authors will be selected based on quality of work as judged by a panel of local writers, and will be notified the week of July 13, if they have been selected to be showcased at the Author's Reception in August.

For more information, contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395 or sguy@ccplonline.org.

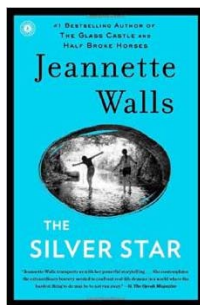


Adult Discussion Book Groups

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.

June 11: ***The Silver Star by Jeannette Walls.***



It is 1970 in a small town in California. "Bean" Holladay is twelve and her sister, Liz, is fifteen when their artistic mother, Charlotte, takes off to find herself, leaving her girls enough money to last a month or two. When Bean returns from school one day and sees a police car outside the house, she and Liz decide to take the bus to Virginia, where their widowed Uncle

Tinsley lives in the decaying mansion that's been in Charlotte's family for generations. Money is tight, and the sisters start babysitting and doing office work for Jerry Maddox, foreman of the mill in town, who bullies his workers, his tenants, his children, and his wife. Then something happens to Liz that changes their lives. Jeannette Walls has written a deeply moving novel about triumph over adversity and about people who find a way to love each other and the world, despite its flaws and injustices.

New! Book to Film Discussion Series

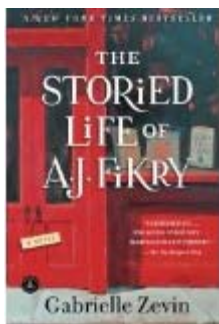
Meets on Saturday for the summer, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



June 13: **White Oleander** by Janet Fitch. *White Oleander* tells the unforgettable story of Ingrid, a brilliant poet imprisoned for murder, and her daughter, Astrid, whose odyssey through a series of Los Angeles foster homes--each its own universe, with its own laws, its own dangers, its own hard lessons to be learned--becomes a redeeming and surprising journey of self-discovery.

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.

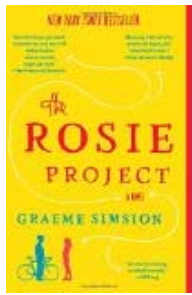


June 24: **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zevin. A. J. Fikry's life is not at all what he expected it to be. He lives alone, his bookstore is experiencing the worst sales in its history, and now his prized possession, a rare collection of Poe poems, has been stolen. But when a mysterious package appears at the bookstore, its unexpected arrival gives Fikry the chance to make his life over--and see everything anew.

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.

July 1: **The Rosie Project** by Graeme Simsion. The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept

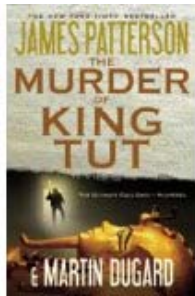


professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project to find his perfect partner. Meet Rosie Jarman. She's on her own quest to identify her biological father. When an unlikely relationship develops as they

collaborate on The Father Project, Don is forced to confront the spontaneous whirlwind that is Rosie, and the realization that, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love, it finds you.

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.



July 2: ***The Murder of King Tut*** by James Patterson and Martin Dugard. Thrust onto Egypt's most powerful throne at the age of nine, King Tut's reign was fiercely debated from the outset. Behind the palace's veil of prosperity, bitter rivalries and jealousy flourished among the Boy King's most trusted advisors, and after only nine years, King Tut suddenly perished, his name purged from Egyptian history. Enchanted by the ruler's

tragic story and hoping to unlock the answers to the 3,000 year-old mystery, Howard Carter made it his life's mission to uncover the pharaoh's hidden tomb. Now, James Patterson and Martin Dugard dig through stacks of evidence, X-rays, Carter's files, forensic clues, and stories told through the ages, to arrive at their own account of King Tut's life and death. The result is an exhilarating true crime tale of intrigue, passion, and betrayal that casts fresh light on the oldest mystery of all.

Waldorf 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.



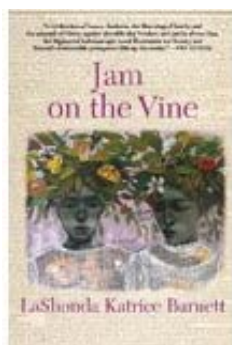
July 11: ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass*** by Lewis Carroll. In 1862 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a shy Oxford mathematician with a stammer, created a story about a little girl tumbling down a rabbit hole. Thus began the immortal adventures of Alice, perhaps the most popular 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.

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.

Charles County Library Schedule

For May and June



Get a copy of the [May/June](#) 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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COMMUNITY ARTS

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 [June](#) newsletter. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [June](#) 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.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

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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