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June 18, 2015

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

MARYLAND STATE
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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 . Three webinars are offered to assist with the application process (registration is required before gaining access to the webinars):

WEBINAR #1

Saturday, June 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2338553846326538497>

WEBINAR #2

Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4108117755674009601>

WEBINAR #3

Wednesday, July 8, 2015, 10:00 - 11:30 am

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1778680326439913473>

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!

In This Flash

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

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

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.

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

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

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 Cruisers

September 25 - John
Luskey Band

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

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Charles County Freedom Landing

Open House

Music: One Path to Wellness

Thursday - Friday, June 18 - 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.

Hard Bargain Players

Down the Road

Fridays and Saturdays, June 19 - 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.

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

Five women in prison, five chances



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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.

Elena's Deli and Cafe Taboo Acoustic Duo

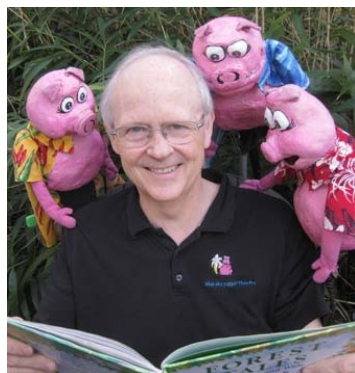
Saturday, June 20, 8:00 - 10:00 pm
3240 Crain Highway, Waldorf



Taboo is a female-fronted band from Southern Maryland. They offer a fresh and funky sound with power house vocals! They play all the cover music from Top 40 to Rock to Funk to Blues, and even a little country too! Visit Elena's Deli, get some great food while enjoying an evening of music. For more information, call 301-645-8272.

Town of La Plata Kids' Summer Shows

Blue Sky Puppet Theatre
The Three (Not So) Little Pigs
Tuesday, June 23, 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



The Three (Not So) Little Pigs features rod puppets behind a six-foot tall curtain. It is an updated, modern, and comic version of the classic children's story, *The Three Pigs*. It features a vegetarian wolf, remote control cars, electric guitars, and three pigs that need to work together and learn to cooperate. Children will have a fun-filled and enjoyable experience as the issues of

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sibling rivalry and the need to cooperate are explored through the use of puppets. For more information about the Puppet Theatre, visit <http://www.blueskypuppets.com>. For a complete list of summer kids shows, go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org>, and click on Events, then Kids Summer Shows.

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.

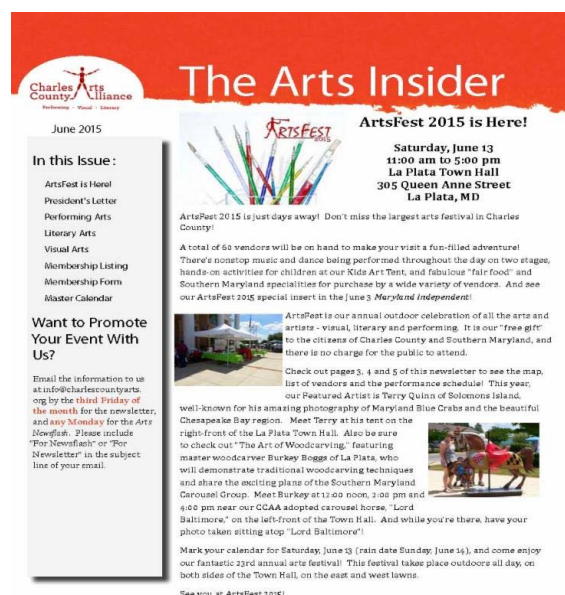
Tantallon Community Players Auditions

Company

Friday - Saturday, June 26 - 27, 7:00 - 9:30 pm

St. John's Church

9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington



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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Haven't Joined Us?



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, visit tantallonplayers.org.

Quality Printers

Open Mic Night

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

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Free Admission



C ome 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

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.

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.



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.

Ms. Georgia's Summer Camps

Musical Beginnings

For Children 5 - 12 Years

July 6 - 9, 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!

SUMMER CAMPS 2015
Ms Georgia's Musical Beginnings

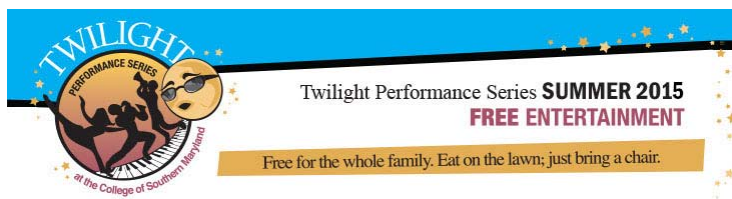
Epic Firsts of the 1920's
July 13-17; 9:30-12:30
Send your child back in time to the most hoppin' decade in American history! We will investigate the music of composers George Gershwin, Aaron Copland and others while learning about the firsts of their time: flight, automobiles, Babe Ruth and robots. 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!

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!

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

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



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

Tuesday, July 7
Featuring Gwendolyn Briley-Strand
as Wilma Rudolph



Wednesday, July 8
Featuring Gene Worthington as
Babe Ruth

Thursday, July 9
Featuring Mark Megehee as Jim Thorpe

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

Each performance opens with local musicians. For detailed
information on the Chautauqua series, visit
<http://www.mdhc.org/programs/chautauqua>.

Leonardtowntown Campus
22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tuesday, July 7 - Jennifer Cooper and Groove Span

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.

Port Tobacco Players Monty Python's Spamalot

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

July 17 - August 9

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(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.

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}](#)

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

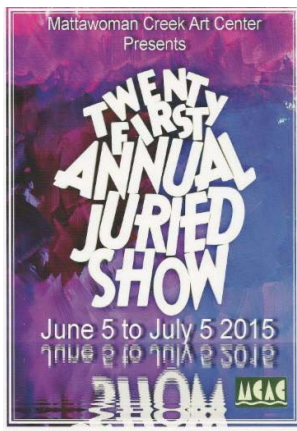
www.mattawomanart.org. Click [here](#) to download the summer
programs brochure.

21st Annual Juried Show

Now through July 5

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



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!

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 Workshop

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

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 <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.

Martha Lane Reads from Her Book

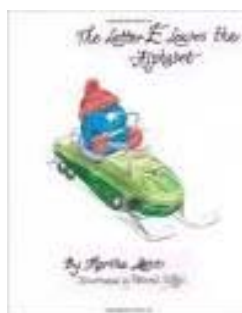
The Letter E Leaves the Alphabet

Saturday, June 20, 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm

Port Tobacco One Room School House

7215 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco

Free Admission



The letter E runs away from home because he can't be the first letter in the alphabet. With the use of poetry and colorful illustrations, both children and adults will enjoy a charming story which reveals the alphabet in a new and refreshing way. The themes are endless, teaching through the letter E's adventure the fun of reading, understanding vowels and consonants and rules for the road of life. These rules range from understanding how to deal with anger,

family birth order, not being listened to, getting help in the right place with the right person, the desire and need to be first, forgiveness and loyalty. Most of all, hidden in this book is a secret. It is the knowledge that every man, woman and child are an irreplaceable treasure with a wonderful mission and purpose no one else can accomplish. For more information, call 301-934-9483.

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

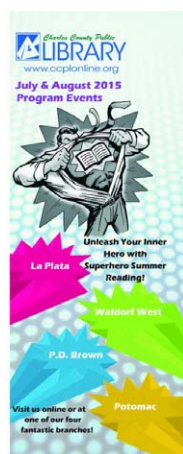
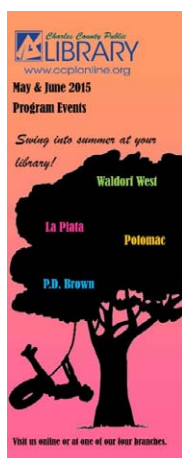


Authors interested in participating in brief discussions about their books, as well as in a meet-and-greet with local book lovers, must submit a chapter or passage from their work to Yvonne Medley at emeddle@aol.com.

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.

Charles County Library Schedule

For May/June and July/August



Get a copy of the [May/June](#) and [July/August](#) brochures 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>.

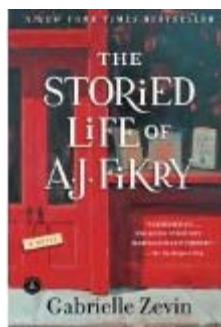
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

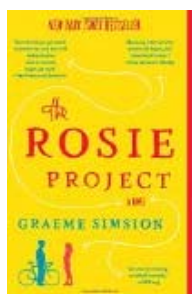
Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head. Call 301-375-7375 for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.



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.

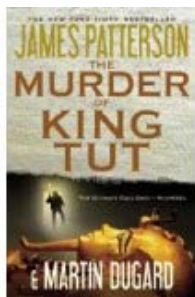


July 1: ***The Rosie Project*** by Graeme Simsion. The art of love is never a science: Meet Don Tillman, a brilliant yet socially inept professor of genetics, who's decided it's time he found a wife. In the orderly, evidence-based manner with which Don approaches all things, he designs the Wife Project 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

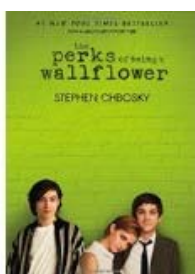


onto Egypt's most powerful throne at the age of nine, King Tut's reign was fiercely debated from the outset. Behind the palace's veil of prosperity, bitter rivalries and jealousy flourished among the Boy King's most trusted advisors, and after only nine years, King Tut suddenly perished, his name purged 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.

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.



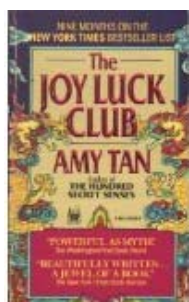
July 11: ***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland & Through the Looking-Glass*** by Lewis Carroll. In 1862 Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, a shy Oxford mathematician with a stammer, created a story about a little girl tumbling down a rabbit hole. Thus began the immortal adventures of Alice, perhaps the most popular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

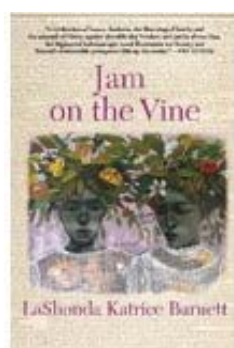


July 11: ***The Joy Luck Club*** by Amy Tan.

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.

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