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



Deadline to Submit is **July 31!**

Theme is "Artists Choice"

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

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

The email must include:

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

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

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

For more information on the gallery contact the Alliance at 301-392-5900, or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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

MARYLAND STATE  
ARTS COUNCIL

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](http://midatlanticarts.org/funding/artists_programs/fellowships/md.html).

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

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

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

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

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

## Attention All Organizations and Businesses Charles County Fair is September 17 - 20 Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!



The Charles County Arts Alliance has been a proud partner with the Charles County Fair Board for many years. We help supervise the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building, and staff a CCAA booth to promote the arts in our county and membership in our organization.

Each year we assemble arts bags filled with interesting flyers, pens, brochures, business cards, press releases, event announcements and other promotional materials to hand out to Charles County Fair-goers. We want to advertise the broad diversity of the arts we offer here in Charles County: music, visual art, drama, dance and literature.

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can stuff these bags. The bags are 12" wide and 15" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office by

12:00 noon on Friday, August 21. The office is located at 10250 La Plata Road, near the corner of Rts. 488 and 6, in the United Way House, La Plata, MD. Thank you!

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Free Evening Concerts  
Two Locations!



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

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

July 16 - Jennifer Cooper

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

July 23 - Sin Miedo

July 24 - Roadhouse

July 30 - Marguerite

August 6 - Donegal X-press

July 31 - The Lucky Few

August 13 - U.S. Navy  
Commodores

August 7 - 257th Army  
Band

August 20 - U.S. Air Force  
Max Impact

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

August 27 - Tomorrow's  
Time

August 21 - Eric Scott Band

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  
Cruisers

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

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

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

on the little ones.

## Ms. Georgia's Summer Camps

### Musical Beginnings

For Children 5 - 12 Years

July 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

**SUMMER CAMPS 2015**  
Ms Georgia's Musical Beginnings

**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!

**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!



**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!

**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](mailto:georgiabonney@gmail.com), or go to [msgeorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net](http://msgeorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net) to register.

## Ballet Arts Academy Summer Dance Camp



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

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

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

## Haven't Joined Us? 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.

### CCAA Board of Directors

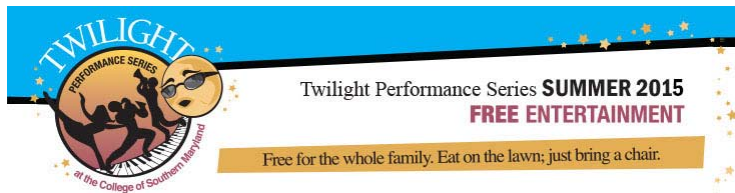
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## Thanks to Our Sponsors





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

La Plata Campus  
 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Wednesday, August 5 - CSM Theatre "Sneetches"  
 (Children's Show) In case of inclement weather, the performance  
 will be held in the Fine Arts Center Theatre.

Leonardtwn Campus  
 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Tuesday, July 21 - Dave Chappell Band

Tuesday, July 28 - With Lying Eyes

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

Prince Frederick Campus  
 115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

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

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

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

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

The Newtowne Players  
 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

Now through August 2

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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

Children 12 and under, and General Admission

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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

301-737-5447.

Port Tobacco Players  
Monty Python's Spamalot

Fridays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

July 17 - August 9

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(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](http://www.ptplayers.com) .

Tantallon Community Players Auditions  
Company

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

St. John's Church

9801 Livingston Road, Fort Washington

Audition Register Deadline: July 22



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

place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and

11, 2015, at Harmony Hall Regional Center, 10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, MD. For more information and to download the audition form, visit [tantallonplayers.org](http://tantallonplayers.org).

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## Town of La Plata

### Kids' Summer Shows

#### Class Acts Art - DinoRock - Dinosaurs Forever!

Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 am

La Plata Town Hall West Lawn

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public

Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Sitting



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

a dinosaur musical revue. Come sing along, stomp around and giggle often with the dinosaurs of DinoRock as we cheer:

"Dinosaurs Forever!" For more information about Class Acts

Arts, go to <http://www.classactsarts.org/artist/dinorock>. For a

complete list of summer kids shows,

go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org>, and click on Events, then

Kids Summer Shows.

Port Tobacco Players

Southern Maryland Carousel Group

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

Technical Solutions Sr, LLC

The Royal Tea Room

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## VISUAL ARTS {top}

### ArtSmart Studio

#### Summer Camps for Ages 7 to 17

Monday - Friday

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>. For more information and directions to the camp, call 240-258-7758, or send an email to [art.smart.studio1@gmail.com](mailto:art.smart.studio1@gmail.com)

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## National Gallery of Art Picture This Inspired by Nature: French Paintings Tours for People with Low Vision or Are Blind

Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 pm

Saturday, July 25, 1:00 pm

West Building, Rotunda

Washington Mall, 6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC (use the Constitution Avenue or Madison Drive  
entrances for easiest access to the Rotunda)



This tour makes the collections more accessible to adult visitors with visual impairments. The basic teaching methodology employed is called intensive verbal description, although some tours may include tactile elements. Tours last about an hour. For more information, contact Lorena Baines at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.

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

## MCAC Workshops

### Drypoint Printmaking

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

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

\$20 Fee for Materials Payable to the Instructor

Instructor: Harriett Lawler



Favored by the old masters for its dramatic effects, drypoint is an intaglio printing process (such as etching or engraving), done without the use of acid. You will draw directly onto a zinc printing plate and will learn how to use hand-inking and

wiping techniques. Making working proofs will help you achieve your final composition. You may wish to print an edition of your



composition at this point, or you can add color to your prints using monotype techniques. For those interested, there will be an opportunity to create cards, either as an edition or as individual monoprints. To save time, please bring a photograph, or your own design, to use as a basis for your composition. All levels.

## Introduction to the Art of Painting on Silk

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

Fee: \$210 Members / \$220 Nonmembers

Instructor: Diane Tuckman, [www.iteachsilkart.com](http://www.iteachsilkart.com)



Apply the brush to silk once and you are hooked for ever! You will learn the basic silk painting techniques and vocabulary, painting eight technical pieces that you will be able to take home. The techniques taught are stretching, diluting, resisting, spotting, salting, double loading, wet-on-wet, fabric setting and more. There will be an in-depth discussion with many visual samples of hand painted fabrics. Diane is an accomplished silk painter and has co-written several books about this art form. Materials used during the workshop are included in the cost. Bring latex gloves. No art experience is

necessary to take this workshop.

## Folk Art Mirror

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

Fee: \$30 Members / \$40 Nonmembers

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

Instructor: Nancy Owens



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

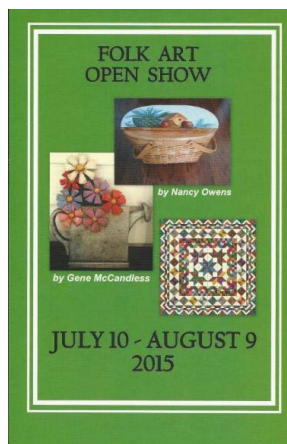
welcome.

## Folk Art Open Show

Now through August 9

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!

## National Gallery of Art Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tours on Sundays, August 9, September 13, October 11,  
November 8, and December 13

West Building, 6th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,  
Washington, DC (use the Constitution Avenue or Madison Drive  
entrances for easiest access to the Rotunda)



The tours take place on the second Sunday of every month and last about an hour. Meet the guide in the Rotunda of the West Building for the public tour. The program is interpreted into spoken English. Assistive listening devices are available for use on any

public tour with 3 weeks' advance notice. To plan your trip and view hours and maps, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to [www.nga.gov](http://www.nga.gov) and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at [access@nga.gov](mailto:access@nga.gov) or 202-842-6905.

## Maryland Art Place

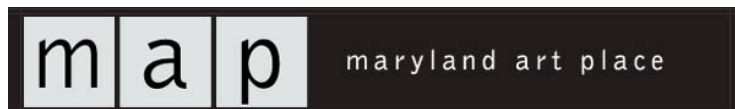
Request for Proposals:

IMPACT at GREEN SPRING STATION

Open to All Maryland-based Artists

Application Deadline: Saturday, August 15, 2015

Download the Full RFP [HERE](#).



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

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

For more information please contact Paul Shortt at 410-962-8565 or [paul@mdartplace.org](mailto:paul@mdartplace.org).

## LITERARY ARTS [\[top\]](#)

Life Journeys Writers Club  
Tenth Annual Authors' Reception  
Saturday, August 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Waldorf West Library  
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Literary lights shine on local authors at Waldorf West Library! It's the perfect marriage between booklovers and authors. Every year the event grows and cultivates the Literary Arts. This year, 15 authors will showcase and sell their literary wares. The event is hosted by the Charles County Public Library, and co-sponsored by the Citizens for the Charles County Public Library

(C4CCPL) and the Life Journeys Writers Club (LJWC). Both are nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations, and partners of the Charles County Public Library. For more information, contact Yvonne Medley at [emeddle@aol.com](mailto:emeddle@aol.com) or 301-705-8972.

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Charles County Public Library  
Summer Reading Program  
Continues through August 15. . . . and it's not just for kids!

Charles County Public  
Library is encouraging  
teens and adults to get

# SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Now through August 15

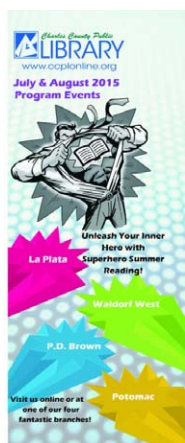


into the program. This year, we're using bookmarks and hole

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

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

## Charles County Library Schedule For July/August



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



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

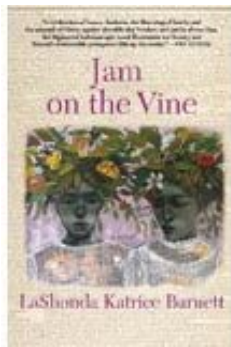


### Adult Discussion Book Groups

#### 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 mee ts bi-monthly at alternating locations. The July meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

July 21: **Jam on the Vine: A Novel** by LaShonda Katrice Barnett. Ivoe Williams, the precocious daughter of a Muslim cook and a metalsmith from Texas,



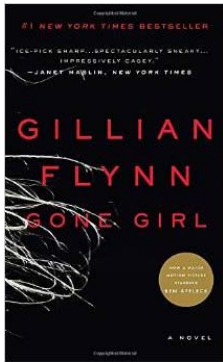
first ignites her lifelong obsession with journalism when she steals a newspaper from her mother's white employer. After earning a scholarship to the prestigious Willetson College in Austin, and eventually settling in Kansas City, she founds the first female-run African American newspaper, *Jam! On the Vine*. In the throes of the Red

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

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

### Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

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

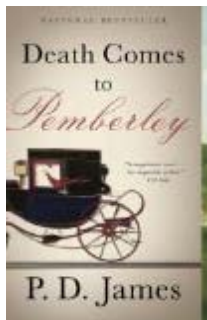


July 22: ***Gone Girl*** by Gillian Flynn.

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

### 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.



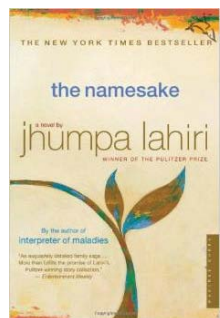
August 1: ***Death Comes to Pemberley*** by P.D. James. In their six years of marriage, Elizabeth and Darcy have forged a peaceful, happy life for their family at Pemberley, Darcy's impressive estate. But on the eve of the annual autumn ball, chaos descends. Lydia Wickham, Elizabeth's disgraced sister who, with her husband, has been barred from the estate, arrives in an hysterical state, shrieking that Wickham has been murdered. Plunged into frightening mystery and a lurid

murder trial, the lives of Pemberley's owners and servants alike may never be the same.

### Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00

pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.

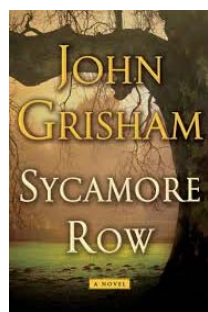


August 5: **The Namesake** by Jhumpa Lahiri. The Ganguli family struggles to transform from their traditional life in Calcutta into becoming Americans. On the heels of their arranged wedding, Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli settle together in Cambridge, Massachusetts. When their son is born, the task of naming him betrays the vexed results of bringing old ways to the new world. Named for a Russian writer by his Indian parents in memory of a catastrophe years before, Gogol Ganguli knows only that he suffers the burden of his heritage as well as his odd, antic name. Lahiri brings great empathy to Gogol as he stumbles along the first-generation path, strewn with conflicting loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs. With penetrating insight, she reveals not only the defining power of the names and expectations bestowed upon us by our parents, but also the means by which we slowly, sometimes painfully, come to define ourselves.

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### Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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

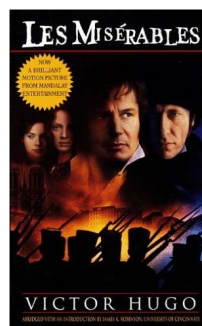


August 6: **Sycamore Row** by John Grisham. Three years after his victory in the Carl Lee Hailey case, Jake Brigance believes his glory days as a trial lawyer are gone. Jake's commitment to his profession is revived when he is called on to defend Seth Hubbard's seemingly incredible decision to disinherit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

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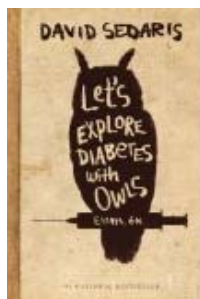
### Book to Film Discussion Series

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.



August 8: **Les Misérables** by Victor Hugo. Sensational, dramatic, packed with rich excitement and filled with the sweep and violence of human passions, *Les Misérables* is not only a superb adventure but a powerful social document. The story of how the convict Jean-Valjean struggled to escape his past and reaffirm his humanity, in a world brutalized by poverty and ignorance, became the gospel of the poor and the oppressed.

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 301-934-900  
1, for more information.



August 13: **Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls** by David Sedaris. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Each essay turns into a love story: how it feels to be in a relationship where one loves and is loved over many years, what it means to be part of a family, and how it's possible, through all of life's absurdities, to grow to love oneself.

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### Nanjemoy Community Center



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

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

The Center is located at 4375 Port Tobacco Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662. For more information, call 301-246-9612, 301-753-1647, or click [here](#) to go to their website. The Center is open Monday and Wednesday - 8:30 am - 8:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

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

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

