

Share:



Share



Tweet

0



July 30, 2015

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



Deadline to Submit Extended to **August 10!**

Theme is "Artists Choice"

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

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

The email must include:

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

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

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

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

Request from the CCAA President



Come and help us pack 400 Art Boxes! These art supplies will be donated to the Children's Aid Society for students in K through 3rd grade. Give us a hand on Wednesday, August 12, beginning at 7:00 pm, at the United Way House (10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD). Contact our Office Manager, Judy Crawford, at 301-392-5900, to let us know you're coming.

Thank you!

Robert K. Rausch
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

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



Fridays, 7:00 pm
La Plata Town Hall

In This Flash

["Call for Artists" for the Fall Show](#)

[Volunteers Needed to Stuff Art Boxes!](#)

[Call to Businesses and Organizations for Promo Items](#)

[Performing Arts](#)

[Visual Arts](#)

[Literary Arts](#)

[Book Discussion Groups](#)

[Community Arts](#)

[July Arts Insider Newsletter](#)

10400 O'Donnell
Place
Waldorf

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.

305 Queen Anne
Street
La Plata

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
Cruisers

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 .

[Join the CCAA](#)

[Thanks to Our Sponsors](#)

[CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses](#)

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 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.

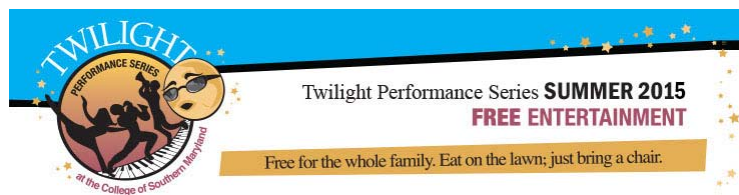
Haven't Joined Us?

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.



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

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

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

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

Leonardtown Campus

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

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

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.

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 Teen Camp Youth

Disney's The Little Mermaid JR.

Saturday, August 1, 11:00 am

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$8 Adults, \$5 Youth to 18

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The Port Tobacco Players Teen Camp youth present Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.*, adapted from Disney's 2008 Broadway production. Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid Ariel longs to leave

her ocean home - and her fins - behind and live in the world above. But first she'll have to defy her father, King Triton, make a deal with the evil sea witch Ursula, and convince the handsome Prince Eric that she's the girl whose enchanting voice he's been seeking. For more information and to order tickets, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or go to <http://www.ptplayers.com>.

The Newtowne Players

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 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!](#)

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,

CCAA Board of Directors

Robert Rausch, **President**
Gale Kladitis, **Vice President**
Ronald G. Brown, **Interim Treasurer**
Diane Rausch, **Past President**
Bill Adams
Emily Ferren
Lorina Harris
Kathleen Jenkins
Amelia Jones
Cecelia Keller
Vicki Marckel
Cryz Proctor

Youth Representative
Greg A. Kenney, Jr.

Honorary Board Member
Cindi Barnhart

Thanks to Our Sponsors



Bullock's Piano Salon

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

chico's

ELS EDWARD L. SANDERS
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC



hysterical musical has "something for everyone - a comedy tonight!" For more information, call 301-737-5447, or go to

<https://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

Ms. Georgia's Summer Camp Musical Beginnings: Imagine That!

For Children 5 - 12 Years

Monday - Thursday, August 3 - 6, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata, MD

Fee: \$120 for 12 hours of instruction, includes materials and snacks



Presenting a four day magical adventure into the land of their imagination! We will revel in fairy tales, myths, and dreams through art, music, and hands-on activities! Think Mozart's *Magic Flute*, Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, and Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* combined with art projects imitating the styles of ancient Greek art, Sandro Botticelli, Salvador Dali, and John Waterhouse, and you have artistry

and education at its peak. Treasure hunts, pajama day with midnight snacks, and a Fairytale Party with costumes, musical games and gingerbread house building are just a part of this educational, creative and super awesome camp! For more information, call 301-542-9359, email georgiabonney@gmail.com, or go to msgeorgiasmusicalbeginnings.net.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society with Jennifer Cooper and Krystal McCoy

Return of the Naked Voice: Vocal Technique Workshop

Saturday, August 8, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Grace Lutheran Church Sanctuary

1200 Charles Street, La Plata

Fees: \$20 for CCAS Members and General Admission (prior to August 5); \$25 for Nonmembers at the Door

Join the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society, Jennifer Cooper and Krystal McCoy for a full day Vocal Workshop. Session 1: The Mechanics of Singing (9:30 - 11:30 am) led by Jennifer, focuses on breathing and vocal technique,

FLOORING
MAX Design Center

Golden Renaissance
JEWELLERS



SWAN  POINT

The Royal  *Tea Room*

CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

[Archbishop Neale School](#)



understanding the anatomy and mechanism, and highlights specific exercises for healthy improvement of dynamics, clarity, range, and more. Session 2: Becoming One with the Choir - Blending and Endings (12:30 - 2:30 pm), led by Krystal McCoy, focuses on fundamentals of choral singing. To pre-register, call Ann Chess, 301-259-4615, or Carol Charnock, 301-642-0594. For more information, go to www.chesapeakechoral.com.

Port Tobacco Players Teen Camp Youth Honk!

Saturday, August 8, 11:00 am

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$8 Adults, \$5 Youth to 18

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The Port Tobacco Players Teen Camp youth present the funny and touching musical *Honk!* This is a story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by a hungry Cat, Ugly

must find his way home with only his loving mother Ida searching for him. Along his rollicking and harrowing journey, he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but also finds love and acceptance in all its forms. For more information and to order tickets, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit www.ptplayers.com.

Port Tobacco Players Monty Python's Spamalot

Friday - Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

Now through August 9

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



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

merry tune (you can even sing along at the end of the show!).

[Bullock's Piano Salon](#)

[Century 21 New Millennium Realtors](#)

[Charles County Fair, Inc.](#)

[Charles County Government Office of Tourism](#)

[Charles County Public Library](#)

[Chesapeake Choral Arts Society](#)

[Chico's](#)

[College of Southern Maryland](#)

[Corner Studio ArtWorks](#)

[Edward L. Sanders Insurance Agency, Inc.](#)

[Flooring Max Design Center](#)

[Friends of Old Waldorf School Foundation, Inc.](#)

[Golden Renaissance Jewellers](#)

[Indian Head Center for the Arts](#)

[Joson Fine Jewelry and Home Boutique](#)

[Life Journeys Writers Club](#)

[Mattawoman Creek Art Center](#)

[Moore Admin Help](#)

[Music Teachers Association of Charles Co., Inc.](#)

[Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS](#)

[PNC Bank](#)

[Port Tobacco Players](#)

[Southern Maryland Carousel Group](#)

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.

Friends of Chapman State Park
Summer Music Fest
Southern Mix Barbershop Chorus
Sunday, August 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
Park Gates Open from 1:00 - 5:00 pm
On the lawn of Mount Aventine
3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head
Free Admission, Donations Accepted



Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy an afternoon of music by Southern Maryland's original, famous barbershop group, a favorite of all. For more information, call 301-753-6664, or visit www.friendsofchapmansp.org.

St. Mary's City and The Newtowne Players
Shakespeare in the City: Twelfth Night
Friday - Saturday, August 14 - 15, 7:30 pm
Thursday - Friday - Saturday, August 20 - 21 - 22; 7:30 pm
St. Mary's City
State House Greens
47414 Old State House Road
St. Mary's City, MD 20686
Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Military, Students; \$10
Children 6-11; \$10 Thursday Performance

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Grab a blanket and picnic and spend an evening under the stars on the State House gr eens enjoying one of Shakespeare's beloved comedies. The play centers on twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck. Viola (disguised as a man) falls in love with Duke Orsino, who is in love with the Countess Olivia. Unfortunately for Orsino, Countess Olivia falls in love with Viola thinking she is a man. Add in a singing fool, a big practical joke, characters with

names like Aguecheek and Belch, and you know you are in for an evening of fun and frivolity. For more information, call 240-895-4990, or visit <http://www.newtowneplayers.org/joomla> or <http://www.hsmcdigshistory.org>.

College of Southern Maryland
Open Auditions for Ages 10 and up
Monday - Tuesday, August 17 - 18, 6:00 pm

[Southern Maryland Decorative Painters](#)

[Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra](#)

[Swan Point Yacht and Country Club](#)

[Technical Solutions Sr, LLC](#)

[The Royal Tea Room](#)

[T own of Indian Head](#)

[Town of La Plata](#)

[Zaneta P.](#)

La Plata Campus, Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD



Open Auditions for these productions:

- ***Alexander, Who's Not Not Not Not Not Not Going to Move*** (Children's Theatre)
- ***The Bright Blue Mailbox Suicide Note*** (Cause Theatre)
- ***Oliver!*** (Main Stage Musical)

Performances will take place between October 9 and November 21, 2015. Please see [Events Calendar](#) for specific show dates.

- Prepare a one-minute monologue and 16-bars of a song.
- Bring the sheet music for the accompanist.
- NO "A CAPELLA" will be accepted!
- Dress to move.

For more information, call Keith Hight at 301-934-7827, or go to csmd.edu/Arts/auditions.html.

Town of La Plata

Kids' Summer Shows

Reggie Rice - SuperMagicMan

Tuesday, August 18, 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



Reggie Rice, aka The SuperMagicMan, is truly a one-of-a-kind entertainer. This now 3-time DC Comedy Magician of the Year has been performing for the last 11 years. Along with his goofy, lovable personality, this show is filled with amazing illusions,

music, comedy, dance and audience participation that takes magic to the next level of entertainment. For more information about Reggie Rice, go to <http://www.ricefunshow.com/>. For a complete list of summer kids shows, go to <http://www.townoflaplata.org>, and click on Events, then Kids Summer Shows.

Hard Bargain Players Concerts in the Woods

Lynn Hollyfield Band

Saturday, August 22, 8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek, MD

Admission: \$12, \$10 Members of the Alice Ferguson
Foundation and Students, \$5 Children under 12

Refreshments Available



Acoustic guitar player and singer-songwriter Lynn Hollyfield teams with Dave Abe and Jimmy Brink for an evening of indie-folk-pop music to delight all ages. For more information, contact Doris Sharp at 301-292-5665, or

visit <http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/concerts.shtml>

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.

MCAC Workshop

Cone Puppets for Your Child or the Child in You

Wednesday, August 5, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$40 Members / \$50 Nonmembers

Instructor: Pat Spradlin



Learn this European style of puppet making
that hides the puppet on a stick inside a cone.

You will use acrylic paints to design the
cones, puppet faces and clothes, and a variety
of other materials to decorate and embellish
each puppet to make it your own creation.
Instructor will provide supplies at a small
materials fee. Children 8 years or older
accompanied by an adult welcome. Class size
is limited to 12.

MCAC Sunday Movie & Ice Cream Sundae

Join us for a free movie & a special treat!

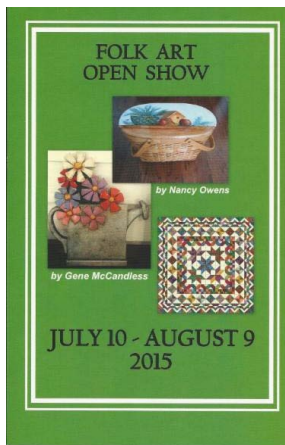
The Girl with the Pearl Earring

Sunday, August 9, 2:00 pm



Delft, Holland, 1665. Seventeen-year-old Griet must work to support her family and becomes a maid in the house of Johannes Vermeer, where she gradually attracts the master painter's attention. Vermeer gives her lessons in mixing paints and other tasks, but must keep their relationship secret from his jealous wife. It is based on Tracy Chevalier's book of the same name, a

fictionalized account of how the famous painting was created and where the pearl came from. PG-13, 100 minutes.



MCAC 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 and click on [Visit](#). For more information, go to www.nga.gov and click on [Calendar](#) or contact Lorena Baines at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905.

ArtSmart Studio

Summer Camp for Ages 7 to 17

Monday - Friday

August 10 - 14

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

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

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! If attending both sessions a day, the student should plan to bring a bag lunch. A reception will be held on Friday evening 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

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](#).



maryland art place

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.

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Learn to Paint

Saturday, August 22

Two Sessions: 11:00 am - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Charlotte Hall Branch Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall, MD

Free!



During a choice of two sessions, participants will paint a small clay pot, using simple decorative painting techniques. Door prizes will be awarded during each session, and all participants will take home their finished projects. To register, email learntopaint@outlook.com. State the name, age, phone number,

email and preferred session time of each person who wants to attend. No children under age 9 please. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged in order to secure a seat. Each session will be limited to 18 participants. To see this year's project and information, visit <http://smdpaint.org> and click on the [Learn to Paint](#) tab.

LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

Charles County Public Library

Tenth Annual Authors' Reception

Saturday, August 8, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



The Charles County Public Library Presents...

The Tenth Annual Authors' Reception

Waldorf West Library // Saturday, August 8, 2015 // 1-3 p.m.
10405 O'Donnell Place // Waldorf, MD 20603

www.ccpplonline.org // www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com // emeddle@aol.com // 301.645.1395

Meet and Greet with Local Authors and Book Signing!!!! Support the Literary Arts!!!!!!

Parahdyce Aziz, *Asia's Joyous Healing*

James Burd Brewster, *Uncle Rocky, Fireman — Face Mask*

Katie Spivey Brewster, *Feast of Memories*

Paula Farrar, *Cottages: A Chesapeake Bay Novel*

Joyce Williams Graves, *Jesus, I Don't Understand*

Patricia Harrington, *Hooked Too, a sequel*

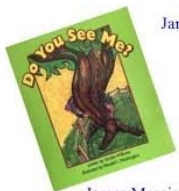
A.L. Herbert, *Murder with Fried Chicken and Waffles*

James Mascia, *1,100 Ways to Write Your Story: Writing Prompts to Fit Every Need*

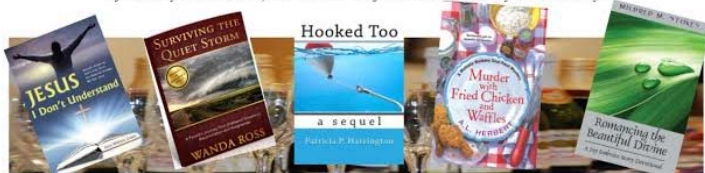
Wanda Ross, *Surviving the Quiet Storm*

Mildred M. Stokes, *Romancing the Beautiful Divine: A Joy Embrace Story Devotional*

Sandra Williams, *Do You See Me?*



Free Event Sponsored By The Charles County Public Library Partners:
Life Journeys Writers Club, Inc. And Citizens for The Charles County Public Library



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. 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 or 301-705-8972.

Charles County Public Library

Summer Reading Program

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

SUMMER READING
PROGRAMS
Now through August 15

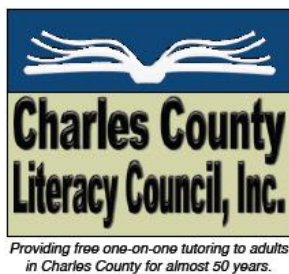


Charles County Public Library is encouraging teens and adults to get into the program. This year, we're using bookmarks and hole

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

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

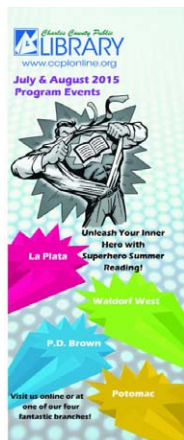
Charles County Literacy Council
Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop
Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
La Plata, MD
FREE; \$30 Fee is WAIVED
Pre-registration required by September 7, and 4 hours online
preparatory work required prior to the workshop



If you can read this you can teach an adult to read! Tutor notebooks and resources as well as light lunch fare will be provided. Once trained, volunteer tutors will be matched one-on-one with adults who need help improving their reading, math or English speaking skills. To register, visit the Events page of CCLC's web site

at www.charlescountyliteracy.org, email the Literacy Council at charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net, or call the office at 301-934-6488.

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>.



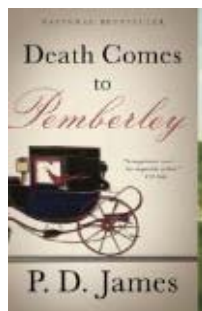
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

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,

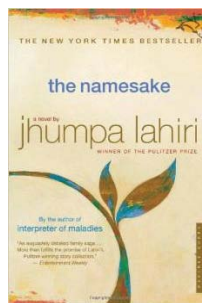
Waldorf. To join, call 301-645-2864, and reserve a book with your library card.



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

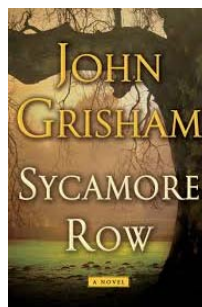
Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-638-4420.



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

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

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

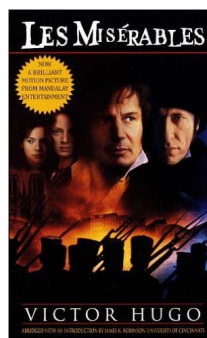


August 6: ***Sycamore Row*** by John Grisham. Three years after his victory in the Carl Lee Hailey case, Jake Brigance believes his glory days as a trial lawyer are gone. Jake's commitment to his profession is revived when he is called on to defend Seth Hubbard's seemingly incredible decision to disinherit his family and name his black housekeeper as his beneficiary. Why? In *Sycamore Row*, Jake searches for an answer as he returns to the courtroom arena

in a legal battle against larger, well-financed law firms. As Jake pursues justice at all costs, the prejudices, racial tensions, and southern social structures of 1950s Mississippi are once again explored under John Grisham's pen.

Book to Film Discussion Series

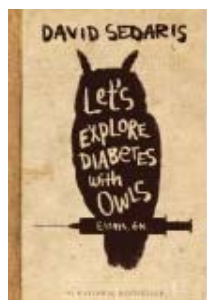
Meets on Saturday for the summer, from 2:00 - 5:00 pm, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



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

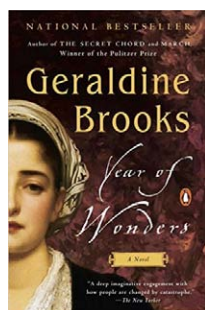
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-900 1, for more information.



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.

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.

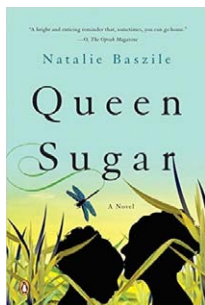


August 26: **Year of Wonders** by Geraldine Brooks. When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. Inspired by the true story of Eyam, a village in the rugged hill country of England, *Year of Wonders*

is a richly detailed evocation of a singular moment in history. Written with stunning emotional intelligence, Brooks blends love and learning, loss and renewal into a spellbinding and unforgettable read.

Writers of Color Book Club

A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of African descent who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets every month on the second Thursday at alternating locations. The September meeting will be held at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



September 10: **Queen Sugar** by Natalie Baszile. When Charley unexpectedly inherits eight hundred acres of sugarcane land, she and her eleven-year-old daughter say goodbye to smoggy Los Angeles and head to Louisiana. As the sweltering summer unfolds, Charley struggles to balance the overwhelming challenges of a farm in decline with the demands of family and the startling desires of her own heart

COMMUNITY ARTS [{top}](#)

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 [August](#) issue 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.

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.