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August 13, 2015

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## 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.

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## Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open!

### Mandatory Workshop for Community Arts Development Grant Recipients on Wednesday, September 9

Grant Application Deadline - October 9

Our annual grant season is now open with the posting of the applications online at [www.charlescountyarts.org/grants](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/grants), and with hard-copies available through our CCAA Office in La Plata.

A mandatory Grant Workshop will be held on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 pm, at the United Way House in La Plata (10250 La Plata Road) to provide training and answer questions for all potential applicants for CAD grants. Completed CAD and AIE grant applications with all required copies must be in the possession of the CCAA Office (not postmarked) no later than 12:00 noon on October 9.

As in previous years, our CCAA Arts Grant Program offers two types of grants: Community Arts Development (CAD) grants for nonprofit organizations, and Arts in Education (AIE) grants for schools. The CAD grants have two sub-categories: General Operating grants for arts organizations, and Special Project grants for non-arts organizations that present activities in the performing, visual and literary arts. Schools may request up to \$750; nonprofit organizations may be eligible for up to \$6,000. All grants have matching requirements ranging from 1:1 to 3:1, depending on the amount being requested. Grant applications are reviewed by a Grant Panel comprised of members of the CCAA Board of Directors and representatives from the community. The grants will be awarded at the CCAA Annual Grantee and Membership Gala on November 14, 2015.

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



## Request from the CCAA President

I am asking all members and supporters of the Charles County Arts Alliance to consider volunteering a few hours of their time to help us with our coverage at the Charles County Fair, Wednesday - Sunday, September 16 - 20. We need people to hang art in the P.D. Brown Fine Arts Building on Wednesday; monitor the display area Thursday through Sunday; meet and greet Fair-goers; and help return the art to the participants on Sunday. If you can help, contact our Office Manager, Judy Crawford, at 301-392-5900, and become a more active member of the CCAA.

Thank you!

Robert K. Rausch  
President, Charles County Arts Alliance

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Free Evening Concerts  
Two Locations!



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

August 13 - U.S. Navy  
Commodores

August 20 - U.S. Air Force  
Max Impact

August 27 - Tomorrow's



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

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

August 21 - Eric Scott Band

August 28 - Southern  
Maryland Concert Band

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## August Newsletter

## 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.

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](http://www.townoflaplata.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 greens 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>.

## Port Tobacco Players

### Auditions

### A Christmas Carol

Saturday, August 15, 10:00 am

Monday, August 17, 7:00 pm

# The Arts Insider

August 2015

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**Want to Promote Your Event With Us?**

Email the information to us at [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org) by the **third Friday of the month** for the newsletter, and **say Monday** for the Arts Newsflash. Please include "For Newsflash" or "For"

**Grant Season is Here! Applications Now Available!**

Applications for FY2016 grants are now available! Over the past 20 years, the CCAA has awarded over \$600,000 in grant funding to schools and organizations in Charles County for projects in the performing, visual, and literary arts. This has helped enhance our county's culture and inspire its residents to explore the diverse arts community present in its own backyard. There are two types of grants: Arts in Education (AIE) for schools, and Community Arts Development (CAD) for nonprofit organizations. Some examples are arts services, children's events, dance, folk arts and heritage, literature, media, and music. Schools may request up to \$750, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible to receive up to \$6,000 in grant monies.

Organizations seeking funding can obtain applications online at [www.charlescountyarts.org/program/grants](http://www.charlescountyarts.org/program/grants) or by contacting the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900.

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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 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.

## CCAA Board of Directors

Robert Rausch, **President**  
Gale Kladitis, **Vice President**  
Ronald G. Brown, **Interim Treasurer**  
Diane Rausch, **Past President**



Wednesday, August 19, 7:00pm  
508 E. Charles Street, La Plata, MD



#### Audition Announcement

## A Christmas Carol

Character actors wanted for this unique telling of the classic tale! Many actors will play 2 or 3 different parts. Parts for adults and six children of varying ages!

While not a musical, our version will have musical elements with original compositions written by Jim Watson.

#### When

Saturday August 15 | 10 AM  
Monday August 17 | 7 PM  
Wednesday August 19 | 7 PM

#### Where

Auditions will take place on the main stage of the Port Tobacco Players Theater  
508 E. Charles Street | La Plata, MD

#### What

Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and a demonstration of basic "Christmas caroling" skills.

If you have questions, contact the Producer at [blhowells@gmail.com](mailto:blhowells@gmail.com)

This production is presented by special arrangement with Broadway Publishing Inc. and sponsored in part by grants from the Charles County Arts Alliance and the Maryland State Arts Council and an award from the National Endowment for the Arts

Parts for adults and children of all ages. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script and a demonstration of basic "Christmas caroling" skills. Performance dates are November 27-December 20. For more information, contact the producer at [blhowells@gmail.com](mailto:blhowells@gmail.com).

Bill Adams  
Emily Ferren  
Lorina Harris  
Kathleen Jenkins  
Amelia Jones  
Cecelia Keller  
Vicki Marckel  
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Greg A. Kenney, Jr.

Honorary Board Member  
Cindi Barnhart

## Thanks to Our Sponsors



College of Southern Maryland  
Open Auditions for Ages 10 and up  
Monday - Tuesday, August 17 - 18, 6:00 pm  
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 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](http://csmd.edu/Arts/auditions.html).

Town of La Plata  
Kids' Summer Shows  
Reggie Rice - SuperMagicMan



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**ELS** EDWARD L. SANDERS  
INSURANCE AGENCY, INC

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>

## Town of La Plata Kids' Summer Shows Rocknoceros

Tuesday, August 25, 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

**FLOORING**  
**MAX** Design Center

*Golden Renaissance*  
**JEWELLERS**



La Plata Rotary Club

 **PNC BANK**

**SWAN**  **POINT**

*The Royal*  *Tea Room*

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[Archbishop Neale School](#)



As every family with youngsters in the Washington, DC area knows, *Rocknoceros* is three guys: Coach, Williebob, and Boogie Bennie. In its first decade as a band *Rocknoceros* has entertained tens of

thousands of fans throughout the country and gained significant national recognition with performances at Lollapalooza, Austin City Limits, Wolf Trap, and The Kennedy Center. For more information about Rocknoceros, go to <http://rocknoceros.com> or visit <http://www.townoflaplata.org>, and click on Events, then Kids Summer Shows.

## La Plata Fall Festival

Sunday, October 11, 12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) for the Registration Form

## LA PLATA *Fall Festival*

Come join us for a day of free family fun! Live Music by the Sara Gray Band, Craft & Food Vendors, Kids Activities - Moon Bounce, petting zoo and art tent.

There is no charge for vendor space and applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. We have about 40 spaces available and very few with access to electricity. As a vendor you must provide your own tables, chairs and pop up tent (not required). We will only accept one home party sales vendor per company (like Mary Kay, Thirty One, Tupperware, etc.). The following party sales company spaces have already been taken: Scentsy, Thirty One, Origami Owl, and Traci Lynn Jewelry. For more information, go to [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org) or contact Colleen Wilson at 301-934-8421, ext. 142.

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

[Bullock's Piano Salon](#)

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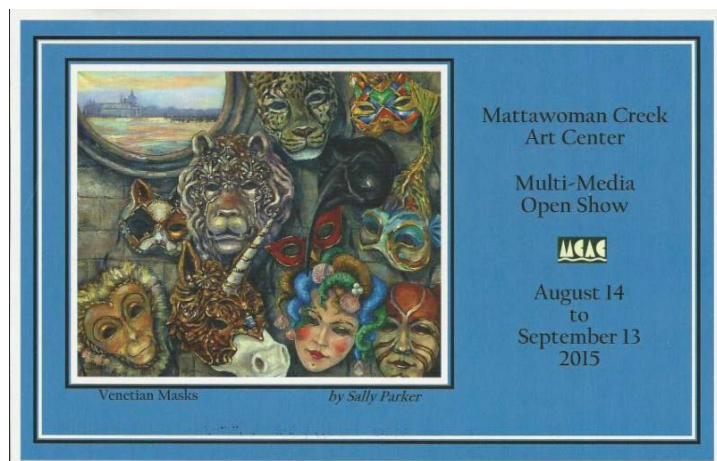
[Southern Maryland Carousel Group](#)

[Southern Maryland Decorative Painters](#)

## MCAC Multi-Media Open Show

August 14 - September 13

Reception: Sunday, August 16, 1:00 - 4:00 pm



Southern Maryland Jazz Orchestra

Swan Point Yacht and Country Club

Technical Solutions Sr, LLC

The Royal Tea Room

Town of Indian Head

Town of La Plata

## 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!

## Maryland Art Place

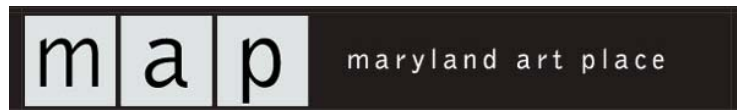
Request for Proposals:

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.

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## Photos and Artifacts Sought for the 15th Annual Nanjemoy Heritage Day Event

Saturday, September 12, Noon - 3:00 pm

Nanjemoy Community Center

4375 Port Tobacco Road



The Department of Community Services is requesting old family photos and Nanjemoy artifacts to showcase. If you have a piece of Nanjemoy heritage to share, or you would like to be part of the parade

with a classic vehicle or antique farm equipment, contact the Nanjemoy Community Center coordinator at 301-246-9612. The festivities will begin with a lively parade, followed by live music, crafts for the kids, face painting, area artists, local heritage displays, classic cars, games, and more. Refreshments and souvenir t-shirts will be available. For more information, call 301-246-9612. Citizens with special needs may contact the Maryland Relay Service at 711, or Relay Service TDD at 800-735-2258.

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

Tours on Sundays, 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.

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

### 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.

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### Charles County Literacy Council

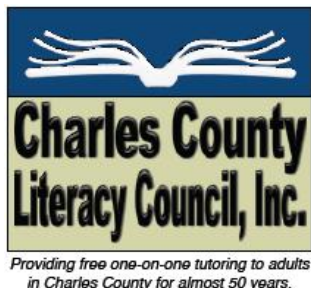
#### Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor Training Workshop

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

La Plata, MD

FREE; \$30 Fee is WAIVED

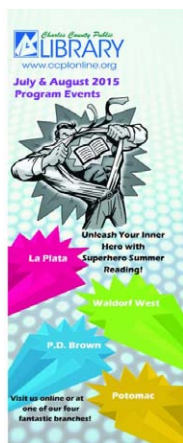
Pre-registration required by September 7, and 4 hours online preparatory work required prior to the workshop



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 and English speaking skills. To register, visit the Events page of CCLC's web site

at [www.charlescountyliteracy.org](http://www.charlescountyliteracy.org), email the Literacy Council at [charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net](mailto:charlescountyliteracy@comcast.net), or call the office at 301-934-6488.

## Charles County Library Schedule For July/August and September/October



Get a copy of the [July/August](#) and [September October](#) 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>.

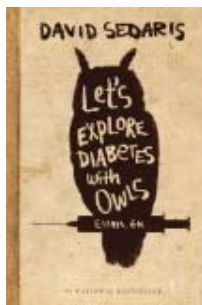


The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



### Adult Discussion Book Groups

**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.

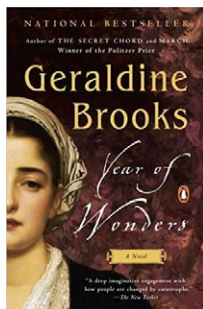


August 13: ***Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*** by David Sedaris. With sardonic wit and incisive social critiques, David Sedaris has become one of America's pre-eminent humor writers. Each essay turns into a love story: how it feels to be in a relationship where one loves and is loved over many years,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



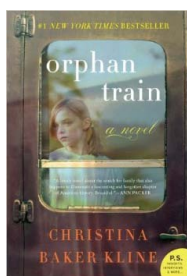
August 26: ***Year of Wonders*** by Geraldine Brooks. When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers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

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## Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

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



September 2: ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline. Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse. As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in

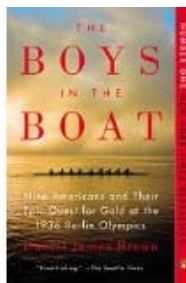
New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance. Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life--answers that will ultimately free them both. Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

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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.



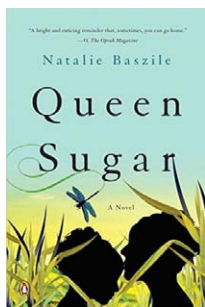
September 3: ***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*** by Daniel Brown. Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times--the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really

meant. *The Boys in the Boat* is the Maryland Humanities Council's One Maryland One Book selection for 2015.

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## 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

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## Waldorf Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday of every month (note date change for September) 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.



September 12: ***The Museum of Extraordinary Things*** by Alice Hoffman. Coralie Sardie is the daughter of the sinister impresario behind The Museum of Extraordinary Things, a Coney Island freak show that thrills the masses. One night Coralie stumbles upon a striking young man taking pictures of moonlit trees in the woods off the Hudson River. The dashing photographer is Eddie Cohen, a Russian immigrant who has run away from his

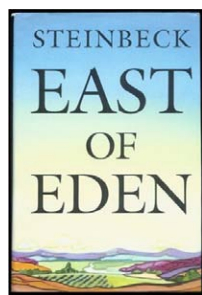
community and his job as a tailor's apprentice. When Eddie photographs the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, he becomes embroiled in the mystery behind a young woman's disappearance. And he ignites the heart of Coralie.

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## Potomac Book Discussion



Meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:30 am - noon, at the Potomac Branch Library, 3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head. For more information, call 301-375-7375.



September 12: ***East of Eden*** by John Steinbeck. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families--the Trasks and the Hamiltons--whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.

Steinbeck had created his most mesmerizing characters and explored his most enduring themes: the mystery of identity, the inexplicability of love, and the murderous consequences of love's absence.

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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 [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.

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About the Charles County Arts Alliance, Inc.

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

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

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