

August 11, 2016

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



Deadline to Submit Extended to August 12, 2016 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 26, 2016, to January 7, 2017**. The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

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. Please reference "Waldorf West Fall Show" in the subject line.

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

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August 2016 Arts Insider

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- 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 in August. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang at time of delivery.

On **Saturday, October 1, 2016**, 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 about the Gallery, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Attention All Organizations and Businesses Charles County Fair is September 15 - 18 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 fill 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, September 9.** 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!

Arts Alliance Grant Season is Now Open! Deadline to Submit is October 21, 2016



Applications for FY2017 grants are now available! Over the past 29 years, the CCAA has awarded over \$650,000 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 \$800, while nonprofit organizations may be eligible to receive up to \$6,000 in grant monies.

This year, we are offering two dates for the **mandatory workshop** for organizations seeking a CAD General Operating or Special Project Grant. The first date is **Wednesday, September 7, from 7:00 - 8:00 pm**, and the second opportunity is **Saturday, September 10, from 1:00 - 2:00 pm**, both at the United Way House, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata. Contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org to sign up for one of these classes. Schools applying for an Arts in Education Grant are not required to attend these workshops.



Organizations seeking funding can obtain applications by clicking on the links below or by going to <http://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants>.

Click [HERE](#) to download the AIE Grant Form

Click [HERE](#) to download the CAD Special Projects Grant Form

Click [HERE](#) to download the CAD General Operating Grant Form

For more information, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900.



PERFORMING ARTS {top}

FREE EVENING CONCERTS TWO LOCATIONS!

BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR BLANKETS FOR SITTING



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

Bands perform on the boardwalk, which is in the center of the community. Plenty of free parking is available. Coolers are permitted, but alcohol and glass containers are prohibited. Concerts will end at dusk.

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.

August 11 - GrooveSpan

August 18 - Sin Miedo

August 25 - US Navy Band, Sea Chanters

September 1 - Tomorrow's Time

For more information, go [St. Charles Sunset Concert Festival](#).

August 12 - Eric Scott Band

August 19 - The Muddy Crows

August 26 - Southern Maryland Concert Band

September 2 - John Luskey Band

September 9 - Paul Thomas and The M W B Band

September 16 - BackFin

September 23 - Port Tobacco Pickers

September 30 - Robbie Boothe

For more information, go to [La Plata Summer Concert Series](#).



Travel Ticker



CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

Archbishop Neale School

Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar

Historic St. Mary's City and The Newtowne Players

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Shakespeare in the City

The Tempest

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 7:30 pm
Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra Performs, August 12, 13, 19,
20, 7:00 pm

Reconstructed State House of 1676

47418 Old State House Road, Saint Mary's City, MD 20686

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior, Military, Student; \$10 Children 6 to
11;

Free for Children Under 6

Thursday, August 18 - This Night Only - Tickets: \$10, Children under
6 are Free



Exiled to an abandoned island in the middle of the sea, Prospero, the former Duke of Milan, grows into a powerful sorcerer. When chance brings his enemies close to his shores, Prospero schemes his revenge against the ones who overthrew him: his cunning sister, Antonia, and Alonso, the King of Naples. Raising a powerful storm with the help of his faithful and spritely servant, Ariel, Prospero brings the shipwrecked king and crew into his world of mystery, danger and enchantment. Family and political drama intertwine with lighthearted comedy and romance as

fools, lovers, and villains alike traverse the island in William Shakespeare's *The Tempest*. For additional information, contact Aaron Meisinger at AaronM@digshistory.org, or call 240-895-4990.

The Hard Bargain Players

Radio Golf

Friday, Saturday, August 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27, 8:00 pm
Theater in the Woods

2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek

Tickets: \$12 Adults, \$10 Students and Members of the Alice
Ferguson Foundation



Ambitious, well-connected, charismatic, Ivy League educated real estate mogul Harmond Wilks is on a path to become the first Black mayor of Pittsburgh. With a lucrative real estate development project about to break ground and a smart, supportive and equally ambitious wife by his side, he is living the dream. However, he is forced to evaluate the true cost of success when the revelation of secrets creates a moral crisis threatening all of his aspirations. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Doris

Sharp at 240-766-8830, or email hbplayersboxoffice@gmail.com.

Take a Bow Performing Arts Group

M. The Musical Dinner Theater

Saturday, August 13, 1:00 and 5:00 pm

Sunday, August 14, 3:00 pm

The Waldorf Culture Center

109 A Post Office Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$25, Includes Dinner

[Bullock's Piano Salon](#)

[Century 21 New Millennium Realtors](#)

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[Nanjemoy Community Center, DCS](#)

[Port Tobacco Players](#)

[Rotary, La Plata, MD](#)

[Sagepoint Senior Living Services](#)



This full-scale musical production of *Matilda*, performed by the Theater Arts Camp kids, proves that miraculous things come in small packages. For more information and to purchase tickets, contact Heather Dautrich at 240-754-7732 or email takeabowperformingarts@yahoo.com.

[Southern Maryland Carousel Group](#)

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Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

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Thank you for supporting the Charles County Arts Alliance! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

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

Hickory Dickory Dark Productions Auditions

The Mystery of Edwin Drood, the Musical

Sunday, August 14, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

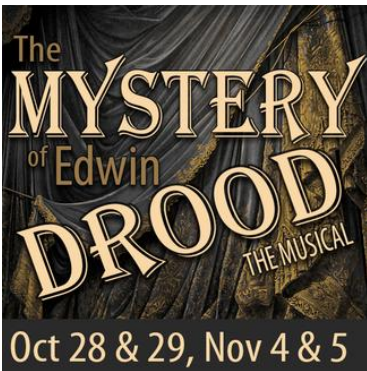
Monday, August 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Callbacks Possible, Wednesday, August 17

Indian Head Black Box Theater

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Click [HERE](#) for More Information, List of Characters, Audition Requirements, and to Sign Up for An Audition Slot



This is a musical version of the last book written by Charles Dickens. It is a play within a play and every night the ending is decided by audience vote. Needless to say, the ensemble interacts heavily with the audience throughout the course of the show.

Performance dates are October 28, 29, November 4 and 5, 2016.

La Plata Town Hall Kids' Summer Shows

West Lawn, 305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public

Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. No concessions will be available, but you are welcome to bring drinks and snacks along. For more information, visit <http://www.townoflaplata.org>.

[Uncle Devin Show](#)

Tuesday, August 16, 10:00 am



The Uncle Devin Show® is a live, interactive musical experience for children by renowned drummer Devin Walker. The show cultivates the minds of children through percussion instruments and is a dynamic cross between Fat Albert and Schoolhouse Rock.

Port Tobacco Players Encore Kids

Auditions for Grades 1st - 8th

Tuesday, August 16, 6:30 pm
Thursday, August 18, 6:30 pm
508 E. Charles Street, La Plata



The Encore Kids group consists of children in 1st - 8th grades. Their mission is to serve as a community outreach program of the Port Tobacco Players by providing year-round onstage opportunities for kids with an interest in and a flair for theater. To audition, prepare 16 to 32 bars of musical theater or Disney-style song and a memorized short monologue, poem or story. Bring sheet

music for the song; an accompanist will be provided. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or contact the PTP Education Chairperson at education@ptplayers.com.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions

Mondays, August 29 and September 12, 6:30 pm
By Appointment (Alternate Dates May be Arranged)
Peace Lutheran Church
401 E. Smallwood Drive, Waldorf



Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary. High School age singers and older are welcome. The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing at Peace Lutheran Church on Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm, and produces three different

concerts throughout the season. Call Carol at 301-642-0594 to set up an audition appointment. For more information about CCAS, visit www.chesapeakechoral.com, or find them on [Facebook](#).

Alice Ferguson Foundation

Lynn Hollyfield & Friends

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 pm
Hard Bargain Amphitheater
2001 Bryan Point Road, Accokeek
Tickets: \$15, \$12 Students and Members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Blend a powerful singer, crisp acoustic guitar player and a heartfelt observer of the world and you have award-winning singer-songwriter, Lynn Hollyfield. Her original music is a soulful mix of indie-folk-pop with a little bit of blues and jazz.

Also performing are Dave Abe, multi-instrumentalist (vidin, mandolin, pennywhistle); Jimmy Brink, (percussion); and special guest Keely Hollyfield (vocals and vidin). For more information, contact Doris Sharp at 301-

292-5665, or visit <http://fergusonfoundation.org/performing-arts>.

Ms Georgia's Creative Arts Academy

Seeking Teachers in Art, Piano, Guitar, Strings and Voice



Ms Georgia's Creative Arts Academy (formerly Ms Georgia's Musical Beginnings) serves over 100 families in Southern Maryland and is rapidly expanding. Her upbeat academy focuses on developing the creative spark in each student, including those with special needs, and exposing them to the great masters in the world of Fine Arts through dynamic hands-on experiences. The Academy offers individual and group lessons, student performance opportunities, in-house performances by professional artists, and field trips to shows and museums throughout the DC area. The Academy serves students of all ages, however the majority of the students are ages 5-11. For more information about becoming one of the Academy's teachers, contact Georgia Bonney at 301-542-9359, or georgiabonney@gmail.com.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW! CCAA-SPONSORED ART GALLERIES



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

"Artists without Limits" Multi-Artist Show, through September 26, 2016
200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show, through October 19, 2016
E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception, September 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through August 18, 2016
3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Solo Show by Gordon Johnson, Now through October 5, 2016
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through September 24, 2016
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm; and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information about the Gallery, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Exhibits, Workshops, Open Studio

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658
The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays,
11:00 am - 4:00 pm. For more information call 301-743-5159. or
go to www.mattawomanart.org.

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors! Inform the Park Ranger
when Entering the Park.

Click [HERE](#) for their summer brochure!

Plein Air Fridays!

9:00 am to Noon

Free and Open to the Public



Just show up at the location listed at 9:00 am. Meet together in the parking lot and then paint until 12:00 noon. Gather together for lunch and a friendly critique of each other's works. Bring your own art supplies, lunch and beverage. To get directions, contact Mary Kercher at mkercher@aol.com.

- August 12: Benedict Pier, Benedict
- August 19: Waldorf West Library, Waldorf
- August 26: MCAC, General Smallwood State Park

2016 Summer Open All-Media Show

August 12 - September 11

Reception: Sunday, August 14, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

A promotional poster for the 2016 Summer Open All-Media Show. The background is a painting of a dock on a creek. The text on the poster includes:

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Presents
2016 Summer Open All-media Show
August 12 - September 11
Reception Sunday, August 14 1:00-4:00

MCAC

*Come join us and
enjoy the art.
Bring friends
who have never
been to MCAC!*

Dock on Piscataway Creek by Barbara Strjura

Call for Individual Artist Show

Deadline to Submit: August 15

Click [HERE](#) for complete Framing Standards and Application Form.

Artists will be notified on November 1. For more information, call 301-743-5159, or visit <http://www.mattawomanart.org>.



Strokework -- Violas

Saturday, August 20, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$50 Members / \$60 Nonmembers

Instructor: Sandy Scales, Member of Society of Decorative Painters



Join Sandy Scales as she teaches a few brushstrokes that lead to many flower and leaf designs. Fee includes paints, prepped surfaces, instructions and color photo of project. You will need to bring stroke brushes and a wet palette. Brushes will be available for purchase if needed. All Levels.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio

Fridays, Now through August 27, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Free!

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! For more information, go to mattawomanart.org.



The Great Art Heist Mystery Dinner

Friday, September 30, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

Tickets: \$55; \$65 After September 16

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Fun, food, a mystery to solve and art for sale. For more information, call 301-743-5159, email mattawomanart@aol.com, or visit www.mattawomanart.org.

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, August 14, 1:00 pm

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.

National Gallery of Art

Picture This! The Close of Day: Twilight Landscapes!

Tours for People with Low Vision or Who Are Blind

Wednesday, August 24, and Saturday, August 27, 1:00 pm

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



Lumber Schooners at Evening on Penobscot Bay
by Fitz Henry Lane, 1863

Picture This tours incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art. Tours meet at 1:00 pm in the Rotunda of the West Building of the National Gallery and last about an hour. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to receive web links to works that will be described on the tour in advance, contact Lorena Baines at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905. Verbally described tours are also available by request with 3 weeks' notice by e-mailing

access@nga.gov. For more information, go to www.nga.gov.

Quality Printers

Shadow and Light

New Works by Laura Lisak and Eric Giles

Saturday, August 27, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Free and Open to the Public



This body of work explores the interconnectedness of the seemingly divergent work of husband and wife Eric Giles and Laura Lisak. Laura's work is rooted in the capturing of light (photography) which she interprets through her fiber arts practice. Giles' work, on the other hand, centers on his drawing practice, applying shadows (ink) to create form. In this show, they bring together their work to show they are sides of the same coin, shadow to light and light to

shadow, and mediums may differ, but whose sensibilities are analogous. For more information, call 240-349-2953.

Maryland Independent, Calvert Recorder and Enterprise

Calling All Photographers!

Photos Wanted for the 2017 Calendars

Deadline to Submit Extended to Friday, October 7, 2016



Submit up to 5 of your picturesque photos of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties for a chance to be featured in the Southern Maryland News 2017 Calendars.

Landscapes in all seasons from North Beach to Waldorf, Hollywood to Dunkirk are wanted.

Send large, high-resolution files (5MB or greater), horizontal landscapes preferred, to Megan Johnson at

msjohnson@somdnews.com. Include the photographer's name, hometown and location of the photo.

The Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

FREE "Learn to Paint" Workshop

Saturday, October 8

Choose One of Two Sessions: 1:00 - 2:00 pm or 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Charlotte Hall Library

37600 New Market Road, Charlotte Hall

Pre-Register at learntopaint2016@gmail.com



Open to adults and children (9 and above).

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Each session will be limited to 18 participants. The project will be a gingerbread bell adapted from a pattern by Kathleen Whiton. No painting experience is necessary; everything needed to paint the project will be provided. **Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to secure a seat!** When registering, provide name, session, ages of children and phone number. For more information, email learntopaint2016@gmail.com.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Authors James and Katie Brewster and Illustrator

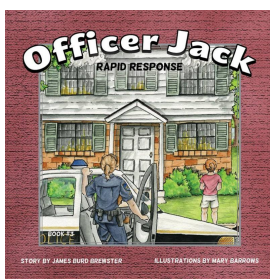
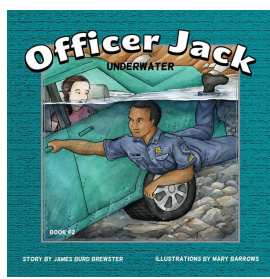
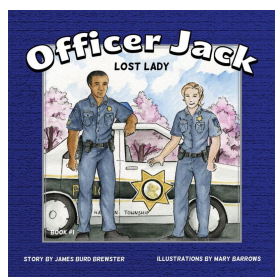
Mary Barrows

Book Signing

Saturday, August 13, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

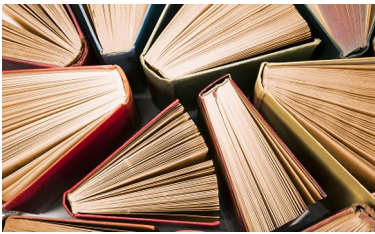
Family Christian Store

Shops at Waldorf Center, 3003 Festival Way, Waldorf, MD 20601



Charles County Police Officers Sgt C. Black and Officer B. Morrison are thanked and honored in the "Officer Jack" children's picture books (age 3-7). The actions of the two officers in April of this year in finding and walking home an elderly lady form the basis of *Officer Jack # 1 - Lost Lady*. *Book #2 Underwater* and *Book #3 Rapid Response* highlight and honor the actions of New Zealand officers and Nassau County, NY officers. Come talk about getting published or how to become an illustrator. As an added treat, Katie is baking cookies as featured in "Who Wants a Cookie?" For more information, go to <http://www.gladtodoit.net>.

Waldorf West Library
Local Authors' Reception
 Saturday, August 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Meet and celebrate our local authors at the Local Author's Reception. Be inspired by our own local celebrities from Charles, Calvert, St. Mary's and Prince Georges counties. Appropriate for school age through adult. Sponsored by Charles County Public Library and Life Journeys Writers Guild. For more information, contact Sarah Guy at 301-645-1395.

Charles County Public Library
Summer Reading Program: Sports & Games
 Now though August 20
 Register at ccpl.beanstack.org

Charles County Public Library
2016 Summer Reading: Sports & Games
 Register at ccpl.beanstack.org

This year our theme is Sports & Games! The program runs from June 18th - August 20th at all four county libraries. We'll have hundreds of programs and activities to keep you occupied all summer long!

Join us for a summer of fun, games and reading! Our summer reading program offers three levels of participation so each customer can choose how they use the library! You can participate in one level or in all levels - it's up to you!

Bronze Level Participation: Use the library! Check out books, use our computers, attend programs or ask a reference question. Use a Summer Reading bookmark to collect stamps (one for each library activity you do, up to 3 stamps per day). Collect 10 stamps and turn in your bookmark to staff for a prize coupon to indicate which drawing you want to be entered in.

Silver Level Participation: Log the minutes you spend reading on Beanstack. Read for more than 10 hours during the summer to be entered in a drawing for gift cards. (That's less than 15 minutes per day - you can break up your reading however you want!)

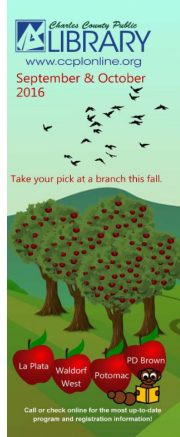
Gold Level Participation: Log the minutes you spend reading AND write reviews of the book/ magazine/ ebooks/ audio books you read on Beanstack. Customers who write at least 10 reviews and read for at least 10 hours will be entered into a drawing for the grand prizes.

Our prizes range from Lego kits and K'Nex to make-your-own spa and bubble gum kits to kites and Ogo disks. Grand prizes include tickets to the Nationals, Wizards, DC United and Mystic's games and to the Renaissance Festival. The more you read and use the library the more you could win!

The summer reading program offers three levels of participation: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Choose any or all, with drawings for prizes in each level. Go to ccpl.beanstack.org for complete details.

Charles County Library Programs
 For [July/August](#) and [September/October](#) 2016

Get a copy of the [July/August](#) and [September/October](#) brochures to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are art



classes, computer classes, book discussions for all ages, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age!

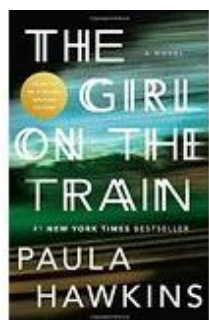
For more information, call 301-645-1395, or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



[Adult Discussion Book Groups](#)

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



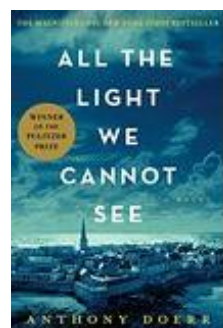
August 11: *The Girl on the Train* by Paula Hawkins.

Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning and night. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. Jess and Jason, she calls them. Their life, as she sees it, is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost. And then she sees something shocking. It's only a minute until the train moves on, but it's enough. Now everything's changed. Unable to keep it to herself, Rachel goes to the

police. But is she really as unreliable as they say? Soon she is deeply entangled not only in the investigation but in the lives of everyone involved. Has she done more harm than good?

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.



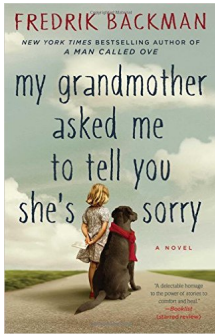
August 24: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris, and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo. In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new

instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

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.

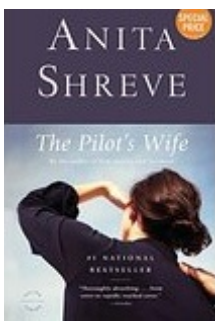


September 1: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman (and Henning Koch, Translator). Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy--as in standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-strangers--crazy. She is also Elsa's best, and only, friend. At night Elsa takes refuge in her grandmother's stories, in the Land-of-Almost-Awake and the Kingdom of Miamas, where everybody is different and nobody needs to be normal. When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves behind a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's

instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old crones but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

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.



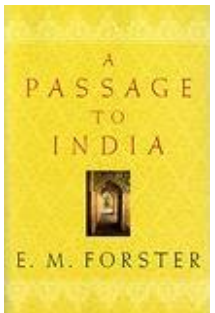
September 7: *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve.

A pilot's wife is taught to be prepared for the late-night knock at the door. But when Kathryn Lyons receives word that a plane flown by her husband, Jack, has exploded near the coast of Ireland, she confronts the unfathomable, one startling revelation at a time. Soon drawn into a maelstrom of publicity fueled by rumors that Jack led a secret life, Kathryn sets out to learn who her husband really was, whatever that knowledge might cost. Her search propels this taut, impassioned novel as it movingly explores the question, How well can we ever really know

another person?

P.D. Brown Library Adult Book Discussion Group

Meets on the first Saturday (**Note date change for September**) of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-2864.



September 10: *A Passage to India* by E.M. Forster.

This is the story of the clash of cultures in British India after the turn of the century. In exquisite prose, Forster reveals the menace that lurks just beneath the surface of ordinary life, as a common misunderstanding erupts into a devastating affair.

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Community Senior Centers

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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.