

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

Performing • Visual • Literary

August 18, 2016

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, bookmarks, 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.

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August 2016 Arts Insider

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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}

Port Tobacco Players Encore Kids
Auditions for Grades 1st - 8th
 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.

Historic St. Mary's City and The Newtowne Players
Shakespeare in the City



The Tempest
 Thursday, Friday, Saturday, August 18, 19, 20, 7:30 pm
 Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra Performs, August 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.

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.

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](#).

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 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

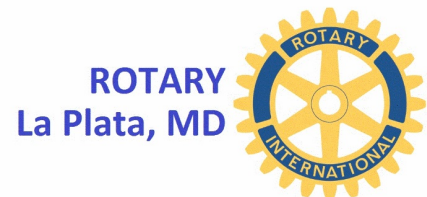
September 23 - Port Tobacco Pickers

September 30 - Robbie Boothe

For more information, go to [La Plata](#)

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Boston's Restaurant & Sports Bar

The Hard Bargain Players

Radio Golf

Friday, Saturday, August 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.

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

The Newtowne Players

Auditions

Holmes for the Holidays (or The Game's Afoot)

Monday - Tuesday, August 29 - 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Call Backs, Thursday, September 1, 6:00 pm

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 S. Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Performance dates are December 2 - 18, 2016

Synopsis: It is Christmas Eve, 1936. William Gillette, an actor famous for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes, has invited his fellow cast-members to his Connecticut castle for a weekend of revelry. But when one of the guests is stabbed to death, the festivities in this isolated house of tricks and mirrors quickly turn dangerous. Then it's up to Gillette himself, as he assumes the persona of his beloved Holmes, to track down the killer before the next victim appears. This glittering whodunit has murder, infidelity, wit, and surprises--

something for everyone

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Port Tobacco Players

Rotary, La Plata, MD

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Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Please bring your calendar with all conflict dates from September 1 to December 18. As always, NTP invites both experienced and new actors to audition and welcomes volunteers interested in production and back-stage positions. For more information and a complete list of character descriptions, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>, or contact the director, Jennifer Carnahan, via email at arcangel3435@yahoo.com or

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College of Southern Maryland

The Runner Stumbles

Thursdays, September 8 and 15, 7:30 pm

Fridays, September 9 and 16, 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 10, 8:00 pm

Saturday, September 17, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Military with ID, Youth of High School Age and Below



A young nun has died under mysterious circumstances in a remote parish in northern Michigan, and her superior, Father Rivard, has been charged with her murder. The action alternates between interrogations, testimony and scenes from the past which reveal that Father Rivard, who had been banished to the small, up-country parish, fell in love with Sister Rita; and when circumstances forced her to move into the rectory with him, his anguish became unbearable. Their relationship, inevitably, spelt tragedy, but not until the explosive and surprising climax of the play is the full extent of

their sacrifice made clear and the identity of the murderer revealed. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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

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 (violin, mandolin, pennywhistle); Jimmy Brink, (percussion); and special guest Keely Hollyfield (vocals and violin). For more information, contact Doris Sharp at 301-

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

Charles County Youth Orchestra

Auditions

Saturday, September 10, and Tuesday, September 13

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details and Audition Requirements

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.



The **Charles County Youth Orchestra** is looking for advanced high school string, wind, brass and percussion students. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings. **Encore Strings** has openings for all middle school level string players. Rehearsals are Saturday mornings. **Encore Band** has openings for all middle school level band players. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings. To schedule an audition, send an email to Director Anne Marie Patterson at annempatterson@aol.com

Port Tobacco Players

Blithe Spirit

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

September 23 - October 9
Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm
508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Senior (60+), Military, Youth to 18



Charles and his second wife, Ruth seek the aid of a "quirky" medium, Madame Arcati, with research for his new book. A séance is held in their home conjuring up Charles's first wife, Elvira, who reveals herself only to him. Ruth begins to think her husband has gone completely psychotic until she watches a vase of flowers float across the room. This creates a lively contest between the wives, leading Charles into an amusing predicament. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Ms Georgia's Creative Arts Academy Seeking Teachers in 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

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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

New Multi-Artist Show Opens August 19 through November 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 Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Howard County Arts Council

Art Maryland 2016 Call for Artists Juried Exhibit

Deadline: Friday, September 2

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details and Entry Form



Artists, 18 years or older, residing in Maryland or within a 100-mile radius of Ellicott City, Maryland, are invited to submit up to three works, in any medium, for Art Maryland 2016, a biennial juried exhibit that will run from October 28 to December 9, 2016.

For more information, go to <http://www.hocoarts.org/exhibits.php>, or call 410-313-2787.

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!

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.

Plein Air Fridays!

9:00 am to Noon
August 19: Waldorf West Library, Waldorf
August 26: MCAC, General Smallwood State Park
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.

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.

2016 Summer Open All-Media Show

Now through September 11

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

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

Dock on Piscataway Creek by Barbara Stjepura

The Great Art Heist Mystery Dinner

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

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

The Mattawoman Creek Art Center presents
The GREAT ART HEIST
Mystery Dinner and Art Auction
September 30, 2016 6:00-10:00pm
Waldorf Jaycees
3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf, MD
Tickets \$55 \$65 after Sept 16
Preview Art at mattawomanart.org or 301-743-5158 for info
MCAC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. A portion of ticket may be tax deductible.

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

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)

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.

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

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

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Meggan Gould's Traces of Vision

September 6 - 29

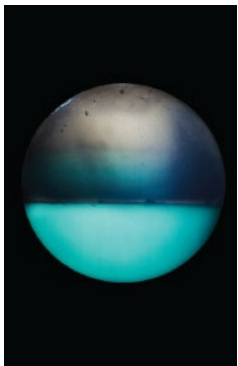
Artist Lecture: Tuesday, September 27, 2:30 pm

Learning Resource Center (LR Building), Room 102

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



[Meggan Gould](#) is a photographer living and working in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she is an Assistant Professor of Art at the University of New Mexico. She received an MFA from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth, and a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her photographs have been exhibited widely in the United States and internationally, and she was a resident at Light Work in 2009. Her current work is primarily interested in using photography to examine the practice of photographing, and in the lives of photographs as objects. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

National Gallery of Art

Programs in American Sign Language and Assistive Listening Devices

Tour on Sunday, September 11, 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.

Maryland Independent, Calvert Recorder and Enterprise

Calling All Photographers!

Photos Wanted for the 2017 Calendars

Deadline to Submit Extended to Friday, October 7, 2016

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!
Seeking images of
Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties
for our
2017 CALENDARS

"We know Southern Maryland is beautiful - and so do you."

Send in your picturesque photos of Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties for a chance to be featured in our 2017 calendars. Landscapes in all seasons from North Beach to Waldorf, Hollywood to Dunkirk, are wanted. Photographers will receive prominent credit for their work.

Please send large, high-resolution files to Megan Johnson at msjohnson@somdnews.com by Wednesday, August 3. Please include photographer's name, hometown, and the location of the photo.

Happy Snapping!

The Calvert Recorder Calvert County Maryland Independent Charles County The Enterprise St. Marys County

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.

Arts Alliance "Call for Artists" Eight Artists Needed for Four Quarterly Shows in 2017



Deadline to Submit is October 16, 2016

The Charles County Arts Alliance hosts art exhibits in the Charles County Government Building Commissioners' Gallery, and the University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center, both in La Plata, MD. Submissions will be accepted for each location by October 16, 2016, for the four quarterly shows in 2017.

Local artists are invited to submit 15 artworks on any subject to the Charles County Arts Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as low-resolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com, and reference 2017 Solo Artist Show in the subject line of your email.

Entries must include:

- Artist's name
- Artist's 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 these galleries are invited to submit new work for consideration.

For more information on the Arts Alliance, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.

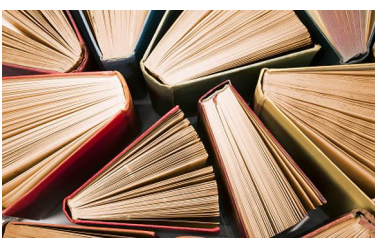
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Waldorf West Library

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 through 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/ebook/ 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 prize.

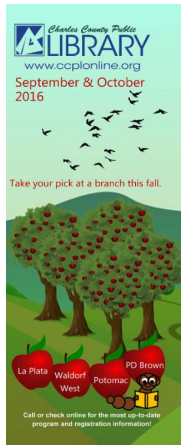


Our prizes range from Lego kits and K'Nex to make-your-own spa and bubble gum kits to kites and Go disks. Grand prizes include tickets to the Nationals, Wizards, DC United and Myticos games and to the Renaissance Festival. The more you read and use the library the more you could win!



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!

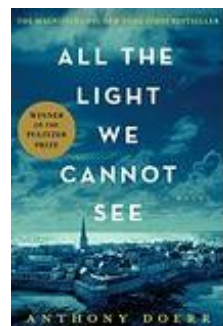
For more information, call 301-645-1395, or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



[Adult Discussion Book Groups](#)

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.

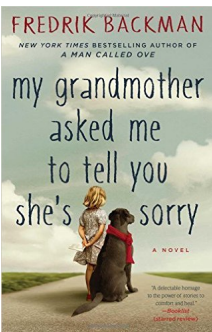


August 24: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so 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.

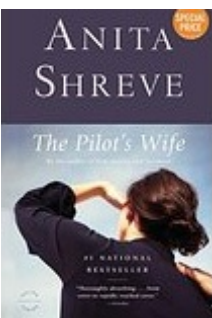


September 1: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman (and Henning Koch, Translator). Elsa is seven years old and different. Her grandmother is seventy-seven years old and crazy--as in standing-on-the-balcony-firing-paintball-guns-at-strangers--crazy. She is also Elsa's best, 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.



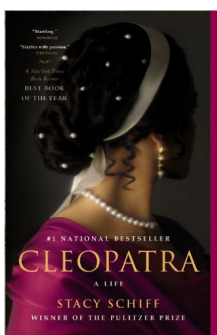
September 7: *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve.

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?

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

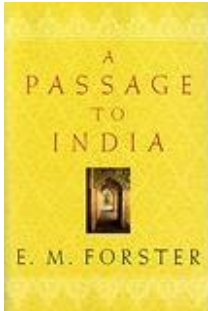
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



September 8: *Cleopatra: A Life* by Stacy Schiff. Her palace shimmered with onyx and gold but was richer still in political and sexual intrigue. Above all else, Cleopatra was a shrewd strategist and an ingenious negotiator. Famous long before she was notorious, Cleopatra has gone down in history for all the wrong reasons. Her supple personality and the drama of her circumstances have been lost. In a masterly return to the classical sources, Stacy Schiff boldly separates fact from fiction to rescue the magnetic queen whose death ushered in a new world order.

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 Department of Community Services operates each of the County's Senior Centers, where citizens 60 and older may access a variety of programs and services, including: Social/Recreational activities, Clubs, Special Events, Trips, Nutritious Lunches, Health and Screenings Programs, Health Scope/Visit the Nurse, Educational programs, Physical Fitness programs, Creative Arts, and Computer Lab/Classes. For more activities and events, get the [August](#) and [September](#) copies of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

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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.