

Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

Performing · Visual · Literary

August 28, 2014

Attention All Organizations and Businesses Help Us Fill the CCAA Arts Bags!

Deadline is This Friday, August 29!



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

This year, again, we plan to stuff 500 arts bags. We need your stuff, so we can stuff these bags. The bags are 9" wide and 14" tall. Please deliver 500 of your promo items to our CCAA Office by **12:00 noon on Friday, August 29**. 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!

Grant Season is Now Open!

Applications Available at www.charlescountyarts.org/program/grants



Over the past 27 years, the CCAA has awarded over \$500,000 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.

Organizations seeking funding may obtain applications online at <http://charlescountyarts.org/program/grants> or by contacting the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900,

A mandatory workshop for organizations seeking a CAD General Operating or Special Project Grant will be held on **Tuesday, September 16, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm**, at the CCAA office in 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 this class.

ARTS ALLIANCE "CALL FOR ARTISTS"

Deadline to Submit is **September 1!**



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 October 2 to December 30, 2014. 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 low-resolution digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com.

The email must include:

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

Artists who have previously shown in the gallery are invited to submit new work for consideration.

A "Meet the Artists" Public Reception will be held on **Saturday, October 4, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**, at the Waldorf West Library's Main Gallery to honor all the artists participating in the fall show!

For more information on the Waldorf West Library Gallery or the Charles County Arts Alliance, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email info@charlescountyarts.org.

PERFORMING ARTS [{top}](#)

St. Charles Sunset Concert Festival

O'Donnell Lake Restaurant Park
10400 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD
(next to Hilton Garden Inn)
Last Performance, Friday, August 29
7:00 - 8:30 pm
FREE!



[Chick-fil-A](#) and [The Meadows Original Frozen Custard](#) will join the festival with food for sale for dinner and dessert!

August 29 - Tomorrow's Time

Click [here](#) for more information.

La Plata Summer Concert Series

305 Queen Anne Street
La Plata, Maryland
Fridays, Through September 26, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Free!



The weekly concerts take place on the lawn at La Plata Town Hall. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs for sitting. Coolers are allowed, but no alcohol, please. Concessions are available from the Town's food trailer located near the back of the parking lot, an ice cream truck is also

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August Newsletter



CCAA **members** receive the monthly newsletter, **The Arts Insider**, on the first of each month.

The **Newsflash** is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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. Dogs and other pets must be kept off the Town Hall grounds during concerts and events. With the variety of music styles ranging from country, jazz, oldies, military bands, and classic rock, there is something for everyone at the La Plata Summer Concert Series!

August 29 - [Southern Maryland Concert Band](#) - Concert Band Favorites & Showtune Instrumentals

September 5 - [U.S Army Field Band Chamber Brass](#) - Patriotic & Americana

September 12 - [Dr. Phill's Big Band](#) - Big Band & Swing

September 19 - [Dance Party with Elite Beatz Entertainment](#)

September 26 - [U.S. Navy Band The Cruisers](#) - Jazz, R&B, Rock, Contemporary & Pop

Click [here](#) for more information.

Celebrate Charles!

March from Benedict: War of 1812

Saturday, August 30, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Sunday, August 31, 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm

Serenity Farm, 6932 Serenity Farm Road, Benedict, MD

Admission and Parking: Free



Spend the weekend in Charles County, Maryland! Come immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the 1812 era as Charles County commemorates the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. Benedict is a premier location to visit. Enjoy waterfront views, walks, and dining in the quaint village which is still surrounded by historically famous fields and the Patuxent River.

- Tour Serenity Farm and learn about farm and plantation life from a local farm owner and historian.
- Visit Harvest House - purchase locally produced meats and vegetables, and visualize over 40 British ships in the Patuxent River from the porch.
- View the area where 1814 artifacts were found.

Join the CCAA

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 arts in Charles County! Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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[Archbishop Neale School](#)

- Enjoy a walk to the river, a petting zoo, hayrides, and amusements, live performances of the Music of the War of 1812 (performing at 10:00 am, 11:30 am, and 1:00 pm) and from THE British Invasion Tribute (performing from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm), artisans, crafters, local food, and evening entertainment.

Be sure to stop by the CCAA tent and say "Hi." For more information on the activities taking place at Serenity Farm, click [here](#) to go to the website.

Hard Bargain Players Theater in the Woods

BUG

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19

Saturdays, September 6, 13, 20

8:00 pm

2001 Bryan Point Road, Piscataway Park, Accokeek, MD

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 for Students, Seniors, Members of the Alice Ferguson Foundation



Set in a seedy Oklahoma City motel room, the play centers on lonely cocktail waitress Agnes who is hiding from her violent ex-con, ex-husband Jerry, and Peter, a Gulf War veteran, whom she meets through a friend. She gets involved with Peter, who grows increasingly paranoid about the war in Iraq, UFOs, the Oklahoma City bombing, cult suicides, and then secret government

experiments on soldiers, eventually drawing Agnes into his delusions. The play deals with the issues of love, paranoia, conspiracy theories, and Agnes' slow descent into insanity under Peter's influence. For more information, call 240-766-8830, or visit their website at <http://hbplayers.org/season.php>.

Charles County Youth Orchestra

Auditions by Appointment

Saturday, September 6

La Plata United Methodist Church

3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, MD

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The Charles County Youth Orchestra and Encore Strings are looking for new members! They have an exciting program for the fall, and need full sections in both groups. CCYO will be playing *Summer* from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*; *Czardas*; *Andante Cantabile* from Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 5*; *Into the Storm* by Robert. W. Smith, and the first movement of Bizet's *Symphony No. 1*. Encore Strings will be playing *Let it Go*, *Jupiter* from *The Planets* by Holst; an arrangement of Beethoven's *5th Symphony*, a medley of Russian pieces, and *Deep Sea Fandango*, which sounds a lot like "Jaws!"

To schedule an audition, contact Anne Marie Patteson at annempatterson@aol.com, or call 301-374-6845. Audition requirements are listed on their website, www.ccyo.com. Students are admitted by ability, not age or grade. They especially needs violists for both groups, and wind and percussion players for CCYO. The fee for the year is \$120, which works out to about \$5 per week! Scholarships may be available for those with financial need.

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions for 2014-2015 Season

Monday, September 8

Auditions by Appointment, Beginning at 6:30 pm

Alternate Dates May Be Arranged

Peace Lutheran Church

401 E. Smallwood Drive, Waldorf, MD



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 and older singers are welcome. The chorus is especially looking for tenors and

baritones/basses, but ALL voices are appreciated. The choir meets regularly from September - June, rehearsing Monday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00, at Peace Lutheran Church, and produces three different concerts throughout the season. Next season's concerts include *Great Composers*, *Great Works*; *Music of WWII*; and *An Evening of Bernstein*, featuring the *Chichester Psalms*. Call Carol at 301-642-0594, to schedule an audition appointment. For more information, visit their website at www.chesapeakechoral.com.

College of Southern Maryland ***Incrruptible***

Just DESSERTS and a SHOW!

Thursdays, September 18 and 25, 7:00 pm

Tickets: \$15 all ages

DINNER and a SHOW!

Saturday, September 20

Friday, September 26

Saturday, September 27

6:30 pm

Fine Arts Center, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$25 Adults; \$20 Seniors/Military with ID; \$15 youth (12 and under)



Welcome to Priseaux, France, c. 1250 A.D. The river flooded again last week. The chandler's shop just burned to the ground. Nobody's heard of the wheelbarrow yet. And Ste. Foy, the patron of the local monastery, hasn't worked a miracle in thirteen years. In other words, the Dark Ages

still look pretty dark. All eyes turn to the Pope, whose promised visit will surely encourage other pilgrims to make the trek and restore the abbey to its former glory. That is, until a rival church claims to possess the relics of Ste. Foy--and "their" bones are working miracles. All seems lost until the destitute monks take a lesson from a larcenous one-eyed minstrel, who teaches them an outrageous new way to pay old debts. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Godspell

September 19 - October 12

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata, MD

Tickets: \$17 Adult; \$14 Seniors, Youth, Military

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



An eternal story gets a new telling in *Godspell-2012 Revised Version*, a musical based on the *Gospel of Matthew*. A small group of people gather with Christ to sing, dance and act their way through some of the Bible's best-known parables and the story of Jesus' life. Comedy and drama blend with some of musical theater's most loved songs (including *Day by Day* and *All Good Gifts*) as Jesus' message of kindness, tolerance and love comes alive in

this innovative, powerful production. For more information, call 301-932-6819.

Celebrate History at the 14th Annual Nanjemoy Heritage Day

Saturday, September 20, 12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm

Nanjemoy Community Center, 4375 Port Tobacco Road

Celebrate the Amazing Heritage of Nanjemoy!

14th Annual NANJEMOY HERITAGE DAY

A FREE, Family-Friendly Day of Fun!
Refreshments and souvenir T-shirts available for purchase.
This favorite annual event starts with the very popular parade with participants from your own back yard!
Enjoy live music, crafts for kids, face painting, area artist, local heritage displays, classic cars, games, and much more.

Saturday, Sept. 20 • Noon-3 p.m.
Nanjemoy Community Center
4375 Port Tobacco Rd, Nanjemoy
301-246-9612 • 301-753-1647
www.CharlesCounty.gov

JOIN US IN A GROWING TRADITION!

If you are interested in participating as a vendor or exhibitor or would you like to join our parade with a float, vehicle or antique farm equipment? Just call the contact. We are also looking for families with deep roots in the Nanjemoy area. Please call if you have old photos or artifacts from the area to showcase.
Event held rain or shine.

Come join us to celebrate the 14th annual Nanjemoy Heritage Day. The festivities begin with a lively parade, followed by live music, crafts for the kids, face painting, area artists, local heritage displays, classic cars, games, and much more. Refreshments and souvenir T-shirts will be available. The Department of Community Services is looking for old family photos or artifacts in the Nanjemoy area 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. 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.

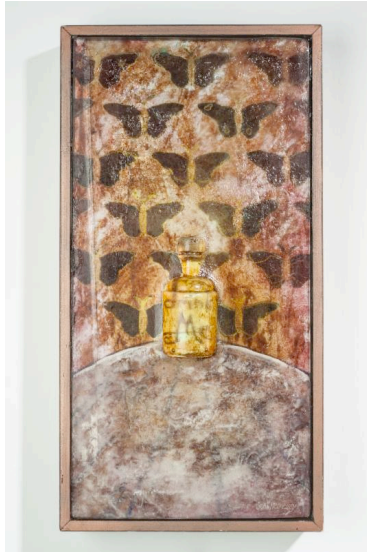
VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Sean Hennessey's *Alice Revised*

September 8 - October 3

Gallery Talk and Reception: September 16, 12:00 Noon
College of Southern Maryland, Fine Arts Center
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata, MD
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm



Sean Hennessey began this work with the desire to add video and lighting to a series of mixed media artwork based on the writings of Lewis Carroll. Working with the stories of *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*, he began to explore the relationship of the text and the ideas to his own personal method of storytelling and visual language. Hennessey wanted to tell the story of Alice using his own feelings of the importance of ideas and interpretations. The mixed and multimedia approach adds a visceral reaction while also maintaining the dreamlike magic

and wonder evident in the books. For more information, click [here](#) to go the website.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Located in Smallwood State Park at 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD, Mattawoman Creek Art Center is open Fridays - Sundays from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission is free for MCAC visitors. For more information and discounts for early workshop registration, click [here](#) to visit the website or call 301-743-5159.

Multimedia Show Now through September 21

INFINITY

By Ann McDonald

MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER

MCAC

August 22
to
September 21
2014

Three-Dimensional Fiber Art: Basketry

Sundays: September 14, October 12, November 16

10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Tuition: \$10 / Fees: \$159

Instructor: Pam King



Information about basket uses and forms, materials, and methods will be discussed. Techniques will be demonstrated and you will develop your skills through experiential learning. Three baskets will be completed: a box basket with a wooden lid; a bowl basket with a wooden

base attached to a plastic bowl mold which becomes the liner; and a crudité basket, a round basket to fit a plastic chip & dip tray for holiday entertaining. Materials for completion of these baskets are included in the materials fee.

The workshop is hosted by Mattawoman Creek Art Center, but registration is through the **College of Southern Maryland, course PEP-7490/106818. Register at www.csmd.edu/Go/Register.**

MCAC Friday Open Studio



**Every Friday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Free!**

Come create: paint, draw, take photos, sculpt, knit, quilt, etc. Bring your own materials, your lunch and your friends (both members and nonmembers).

Share ideas and techniques. Critique each other's work. Enjoy the creative process!

Cox Art Center



Located at 32 Cox Road in Huntingtown, MD, Cox Art Center was launched in 2013 to provide significant enrichment and experience in all aspects of visual arts. They provide a wide variety of art education courses

and the sale of art objects produced by some of the finest artists in southern Maryland. Click [here](#) to learn more about course offerings. For more information, contact the Center at

410-535-0014 or visit their website a www.coxartcenter.com.

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Life Journeys Writers Club

Write on Wednesdays--with a *Twist!*

September 10, 17 and 24, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD

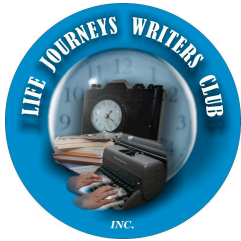


Includes critiques, critical study through several mediums, professional editor consultations, food and refreshments. Register early (\$59.99 for the series). Limited space, eight writers maximum. It's intense, timely and tangible! For more information and to register, call Yvonne Medley at 301-705-8972, or visit <http://www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com>.

Nuts and Bolts Gathering

Saturday, September 20, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Come to the LJWC's *Nuts and Bolts Gathering* and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more! Members, bring your works. Visitors, come check us out. Come and learn what we do, how we do it, and learn how you can become a member, officially, of the LJWC, Inc. For LJWC

information, call 301-705-8972 or email emeddle@aol.com, or go to the website at www.lifejourneyswritersclub.com.

Charles County Fair One Room School House Presents *Story Time*


Friday, September 12, at 11:00 am, 1:00 and 3:00 pm

Saturday, September 13, at 11:00 am, 2:00 and 3:00 pm

Charles County Fair Grounds, 8440 Fairground Road, La Plata



Join Pomfret author, James Burd Brewster, in the One Room School House for a reading of *Uncle Rocky, Fireman - Book #1 Fire!* Children will learn the story's sounds and hand motions and make Uncle Rocky come alive during the reading of book #1 *Fire!* Children will also be allowed to try on fire clothes and helmet (called bunker gear), color Uncle Rocky



illustrations, learn about fire safety, and ask questions. *Rocky Hill, Fireman* is a series of children's illustrated story books (ages 7 and below) that describes the adventures of Rocky Hill, a new fire fighter, and his two nephews. Apart or together, Uncle Rocky and his nephews fight fires, rescue people, and help their neighbors. The stories emphasize service to others and devotion to duty with each story ending with Uncle Rocky's trademark statement, "Glad to do it!" For more information, visit www.gladtodoit.net or call 202-557-8097.



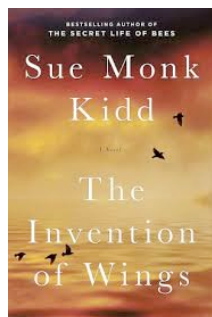
The Charles County Public Library offers book discussion groups at all of their branches [and online too!](#) Click the [link](#) to sign up.



Adult Book Discussion Groups

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

Meets on the first Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:00 pm, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. Call the Center at 301-638-4420 for more information.



September 3: *The Invention of Wings: A Novel* by Sue Monk Kidd.

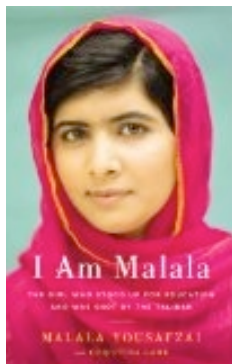
Hetty "Handful" Grimke, an urban slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke's daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. Kidd's sweeping novel is set in motion on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given

ownership of ten year old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the rich interior lives of all of her characters, both real and invented, including Handful's cunning mother, Charlotte, who courts danger in her search for something better. This exquisitely written novel is a triumph of storytelling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment, and expression will leave no reader

unmoved.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata, MD. For more information, contact Natasha Miller at 301-934-9001 or email nmiller@ccplonline.org.

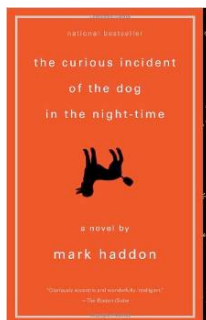


September 4: *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai. When the Taliban took control of the Swat Valley in Pakistan, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, when she was fifteen, she almost paid the ultimate price. She was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the bus home from school, and few expected her to survive. *I Am Malala* is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by

global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. *I Am Malala* will make you believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion Group (P.D. Brown Library)

Meets on the first Saturday of every month from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the P.D. Brown Memorial Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. To join, call 301-645-2864 or email mruss@ccplonline.org and reserve a book with your library card.



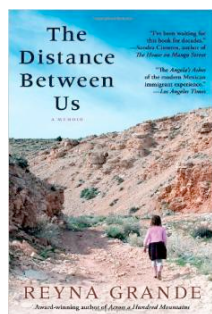
September 6: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.

Christopher John Francis Boone knows all the countries of the world and their capitals and every prime number up to 7,057. He relates well to animals but has no understanding of human emotions. He cannot stand to be touched. And he detests the color yellow.

This improbable story of Christopher's quest to investigate the suspicious death of a neighborhood dog makes for one of the most captivating, unusual, and widely heralded novels in recent years.

Waldorf West Library's Chicks for Lit Book Club is just for women and those who love to read books by and about women. The Club meets on Saturdays from 10:00 - 11:00 am, at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603. Pre-registration is required; click [here](#) to register for this discussion. For more information, contact Ashley Teagle at 301-

645-1395.



September 6: *The Distance Between Us: A Memoir* by Reyna Grande.

In this 2014 One Maryland One Book selection, Reyna Grande vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries. As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to "El Otro Lado" (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced

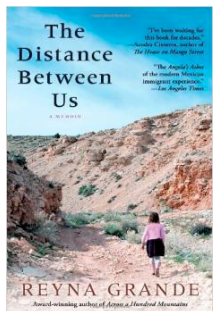
into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother at last returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey to "El Otro Lado" to live with the man who has haunted her imagination for years: her long-absent father.

Funny, heartbreaking, and lyrical, *The Distance Between Us* poignantly captures the confusion and contradictions of childhood, reminding us that the joys and sorrows we experience are imprinted on the heart forever, calling out to us of those places we first called home.

On Wednesday, October 1, author Reyna Grande will be at the Waldorf West Library at 7:30 pm. for a book signing and Q&A session.

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, MD. Call 301-934-9001, or email sbland@ccplonline.org for more information.



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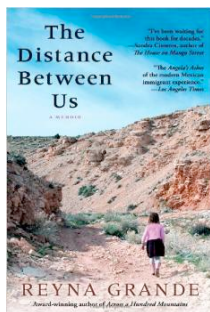
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Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon, at the Senior Center, 100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head, MD. Contact Lena Cox at

301-375-7375 or email lcx@ccplonline.org for more information or to place a copy of a book on hold.

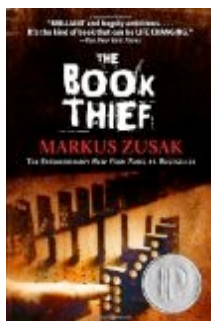


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Jane Austen Book & Film Club

Meets six times a year from 6:30 - 7:30 pm, on the last Thursday of the month at the P.D. Brown Library, 50 Village Street, Waldorf, MD. To join, call Cindy at 301-645-2864 or email cthornley@ccplonline.org with your library card number to place a copy of the book on reserve for you.



September 25: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist--books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with

her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

Writers of Color Book Club

A book club for all who enjoy reading books by authors of the African diaspora who write contemporary fiction. The Club meets bi-monthly at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Click [here](#) to register for the next discussion. For more information, call Ashley Teagle or Deborah Erwin at 301-645-1395.



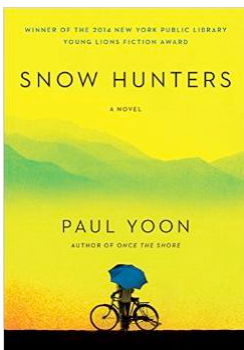
September 30: *Debbie Doesn't Do It Anymore* by Walter Mosley. In this scorching, mournful, often explicit, and never



less than moving literary novel, Debbie Dare, a black porn queen, has to come to terms with her sordid life in the adult entertainment industry after her husband dies. But executing her exit strategy from the porn world is a wrenching and far from simple process.

Waldorf West Adult Book Club

Meets on the third Thursday of the month, from 10:00 - 11:30 am. Pre-registration at www.ccplonline.org is required by the evening before the discussion. Click [here](#) to register for this discussion. The Library is located at 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf. For more information, call 301-645-1395.



October 16: *Snow Hunters* by Paul Yoon. *Snow Hunters* traces the extraordinary journey of Yohan, a twenty-five-year-old North Korean POW refugee who defects from his country at the end of the Korean War, leaving his friends and family behind to seek a new life in a port town on the coast of Brazil. Paul Yoon proves love can dissolve loneliness; that hope can wipe away despair; and that a man who lost a country can find a new home. This is a heartrending story of

second chances, told with unerring elegance and absolute tenderness.

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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. Get a copy of their [August](#) and [September](#) Newsletters. For more activities and events, get a copy of the [August](#) and [September](#) editions 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, 301-934-5423, 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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