

January 12, 2017

The "Meet the Artists" Reception, Previously Scheduled for Saturday, January 14, at Waldorf West Library, is Postponed.



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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Jay Armsworthy and the Sons of the American Legion

American Legion Post 238 Bluegrass Concert

Sunday, January 15, 2:00 pm, Doors Open at Noon

6265 Brandywine Road (Corner of Routes 231 and 381), Hughesville

Tickets: \$20 (Available at the Door)

Children Ages 12 and Under Free with a Paid Adult



Concert features music by Lonesome River Band and Fall Line Bluegrass Band. Dinners available for purchase. Please bring non-perishable food items for the Helping Hands Food Bank in Southern Maryland. For more information, call 301-737-3004, or go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com.

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Arts Insider

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Charles County Youth Orchestra, Encore Strings

and Encore Band

Winter Concert

Sunday, January 15, 4:00 pm

Westlake High School, 3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf

Free Admission



Concert features Bach's *Tocatta and Fugue*, and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, as well as other band and orchestra favorites. For more information, go to www.ccyo.com.



The Newtowne Players

Open Auditions: A Night on Broadway

Wednesday and Thursday, January 18 and 19, 6:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



Performance Dates: May 26 - June 4, 2017

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



Port Tobacco Players

Don't Dress for Dinner

January 20 - February 5, 2017

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Seniors (60+), Youth (to 18); Military



(Comedy) Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Parisian mistress in his charming converted French farmhouse, whilst his wife, Jacqueline, is away. He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along to provide the alibi. It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong? Well.... suppose Robert turns up not realizing quite why he has been invited. And then suppose Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, and consequently Jacqueline is determined she will NOT leave for the weekend. Suppose the cook has to pretend to be the mistress and the mistress is unable to cook. Suppose everyone's alibi gets confused with everyone else's. An evening of hilarious confusion ensues as Bernard and Robert improvise at breakneck speed. For

more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819, or visit <http://www.ptplayers.com>.



Port Tobacco Players

Auditions for Ages 17 and Up

The Tempest

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 am

Monday - Tuesday, January 23 - 24, 7:00 pm
Callbacks (if needed) - Thursday, January 26
508 Charles Street, La Plata



Synopsis: Prospero, the powerful magician and exiled Duke of Milan, conjures a storm to wreck the ship carrying his betrayers onto the enchanted island he and his daughter have made their home. With a magical spirit and a villainous native,

Prospero sends them on a journey to seek his revenge, escape the island, and reclaim his dukedom. Trickery and romance share the stage with magic, music and mayhem in Shakespeare's final and most musical masterpiece.

Auditions: Casting for male and female performers, all roles open. Looking for 13 characters and up to 6 ensemble members. Come prepared with a Shakespearean monologue (does not have to be memorized); cold readings will follow. Performance dates are May 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21, 2017.

For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com/audition-announcement.html> or contact Debbie Gilley at gilleyclan@gmail.com.

College of Southern Maryland

Auditions for Ages 18 and Up

Monday - Tuesday, January 23 - 24, 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Open auditions for these productions:

- [9 Parts of Desire](#) (Cause Theatre)
- [Shadowlands](#) (Renaissance Festival)

Prepare a one-minute monologue. Performances will take place between March 16 and April 23, 2017. For more information, contact Keith Hight at khight@csmd.edu or call 301-934-7827.

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre

The Library and The Amish Project

Thursday, January 26, 7:30 pm

Friday, January 27, 8:00 pm

Saturday, January 28, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5

Due to mature content and heavy subject matter, this production may not be suitable for all audiences.

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CSM CAUSE THEATRE

This special Cause Theatre event features two plays, presented back to back, exploring how two communities that were rocked by tragedy had very different reactions. For more information, go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community>.



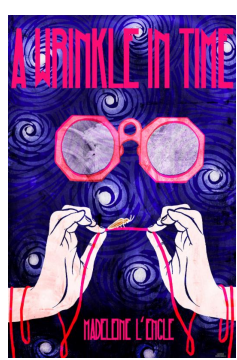
College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre

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A Wrinkle in Time

Friday, February 3, 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 4, 2:00 and 7:00 pm
La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$7 Adults/Seniors, \$5 Youth of High School Age and Below



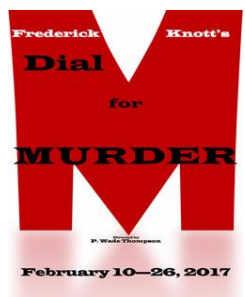
One of literature's most enduring young heroines, Meg Murry is back—braces, stubbornness and all. Once again, she's joining forces with Mrs. Whatsit, Charles Wallace, Calvin O'Keefe and more to battle the forces of evil so she can rescue her father, save humanity and find herself. In the end, we know two things for sure: 1) Love CAN overcome evil and 2) There IS such a thing as a "tesseract." For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

The Newtowne Players *Dial M for Murder*

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

February 10 - 26
Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm
Sundays, 3:30 pm
21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adult; \$12 Senior/Student/Military; \$10 Child
Thursdays Only: All Tickets \$10



Tony Wendice has married his wife, Margot, for her money and now plans to murder her for the same reason. He arranges the perfect murder. He blackmails a scoundrel he used to know into strangling her for a fee of one thousand pounds, and arranges a brilliant alibi for himself. Unfortunately, the murderer gets murdered and the victim survives. What happens next? Come see the show to find out! For more information, go to <http://www.newtowneplayers.org>.

College of Southern Maryland Ward Virts Concert Series

Michael Adcock, Piano

Sunday, February 12, 3:00 pm
Prince Frederick Campus
115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick
Free Admission

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Hailed for his prodigious technique, pianist Michael Adcock has cultivated a versatile career as soloist, chamber musician and pre-concert lecturer. A former Artist-in-Residence at the Aspen Institute (MD), Michael Adcock now makes his home in Silver Spring, MD, where he is a faculty member of the Washington Conservatory in Bethesda. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community>.

Maryland Arts Day
Tuesday, February 14, 2017
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. John's College
Mellon Hall, Francis Scott Key Auditorium
60 College Avenue, Annapolis, MD



Registration for Maryland Arts Day 2017 is now OPEN!
Early Bird Registration : \$25 per Person until February 3
\$40 per Person February 4 - 10
Registration includes continental breakfast, lunch,
parking and free shuttle to St. John's College



Join hundreds of arts advocates in Annapolis as we raise our voices in support of public funding for the arts. This year will be extra special as MCA celebrates its 40th Birthday!

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state, this state-wide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland.

Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and the impact they have on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.

For more information, visit <http://www.mdarts.org>.

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Watermelon One-Act Festival

Call for Script Submissions!

Deadline to Apply: February 14, 2017



Watermelon
One-Act Festival

The Baltimore Regional Representative for The Dramatists Guild of America will be one of the adjudicators for the Watermelon One-Act Festival (WOAF) hosted by St.

Mary's College of Maryland on June 3-4, 2017. Given this special opportunity to receive professional feedback on original works, WOAF will consider original script submissions that have been shown in past WOAF festivals. Playwrights, this is a special opportunity to submit your best short plays! Preference will be given to plays less than 30-minutes running time and with a committed director. For more information about The Dramatists Guild of America, go to <http://www.dramatistsguild.com>. For more information about the festival, visit www.watermeloninc.org.

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Blood Relations

Thursday, February 16 and 23, 7:30 pm

Friday, February 17 and 24, 8:00pm

Saturday, February 18, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The play is based on the true story of Lizzie Borden, her trial for the murders of her father and stepmother, and her eventual acquittal. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit <http://www.csmd.edu/community>.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Meeting and Paint Project

Saturday, January 14, 10:00 am

Immaculate Conception Church (in the hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



A business meeting will be followed by painting a Tracy Moreau project, "A Touch of Asia," led by Leslie Cates. Guests are always welcome and should contact SMDP for the list of art supplies. For more information, visit <http://www.smdpaint.org> or contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835, or email LearnToPaint2016@gmail.com

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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 are 100 percent tax deductible.

Quality Printers & Southern Maryland Artists' Collective

Visions of Maryland: Selected Works by Addison

Likins

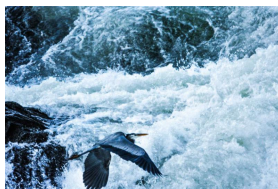
Now through Saturday, March 18

10485 Theodore Green Boulevard, White Plains

Reception: Saturday, January 14, 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Free and Open to the Public

Light Refreshments will be Served



Quality Printers and SMAC (Southern Maryland Artists' Collective) are proud to present Addison Likins and his art works, in their first artist showcase of 2017.

For more information, click [HERE](#) or contact Joseph Wimberly at 240-349-2953, or JMW@QP2Creative.com.

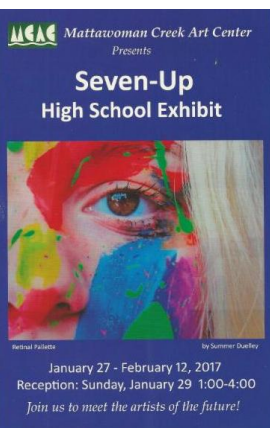
Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury, MD 20658

The Gallery is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00

pm

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



Seven-Up High School Exhibit

January 27 - February 12

Reception: Sunday, January 29, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Awards Presentation at 2:00 pm

For more information, call 301-743-5159, or visit mattawomanart.org.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Jim Arendt: *Selvage*

February 6 - March 9

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

Saturday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



Art making is a way for Ardent to explore our changing relationship with labor. His research focuses on transitions in macroeconomic structures through the lens of their effects on individual lives, communities, and workers' relationships to the structures of labor itself. The artist paid witness to the demise of opportunities to engage in meaningful work and has seen cities ravaged by the absence of industry. As the landscape of work and labor continue to shift around us, he uses art making as a way to investigate how the division of labor and alienation from work has impacted individual lives. For more information, call 301-934-7828, or go to <http://www.csmd.edu/community/the->

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



Deadline to Submit: February 6, 2017

Theme is "Artists Choice"

The Charles County Arts Alliance is now accepting submissions for the Spring Art Show, a multi-media public exhibit, to be held at the Waldorf West Library, 10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD, from April 10, to July 8, 2017 . The Library consists of four separate gallery spaces on two floors.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject, to the Alliance for consideration (there is no submission fee). Nonmembers are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art. Click [HERE](#) to download a Membership Form.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Waldorf West Spring 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
- Price, if applicable

Arts Alliance members 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 by mid-March. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang at time of delivery.

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, 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 spring show.

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

**Community Bank of the Chesapeake Waldorf
Branch**

"Call for Artists"



Community Bank
*of the Chesapeake**

Theme is "Artists Choice"

Deadline to Submit: February 17, 2017

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their first-quarter art show in 2017.

This is a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from March 10, to May 26, 2017.

Current members of the Charles County Arts Alliance are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art on any subject for consideration (there is no submission fee). Nonmembers are encouraged to join and be eligible to submit their art. Click [HERE](#) to download a Membership Form.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to waldorfwestgallery@gmail.com. Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" 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
- Price, if applicable

The artists will be notified by the beginning of March. All artwork must be wired and ready to hang when delivered to the Bank.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at gkladitis@comcast.net.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show by Renée Fuqua, through April 12, 2017
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 April 19, 2017

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: Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through March 10, 2017
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 Sar'där Aziz, through April 13, 2017
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, January 16 through April 8, 2017
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
The "Meet the Artists" Public Reception, previously scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2017, is postponed.

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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Charles County Arts Alliance and PNC Foundation

Arts Scholarships Are Now Available! Deadline to Apply: March 17, 2017



Each year, the Arts Alliance offers \$1000 scholarships to one eligible graduating student from each of the high schools in Charles County. The funds are to be applied toward tuition in a 4-year college or university to advance the education of the student toward a career in the arts. In addition, the Arts Alliance has partnered with the PNC Foundation to award \$1000 scholarships to three seniors who meet certain financial requirements.

Click [HERE](#) to download the CCAA Scholarship

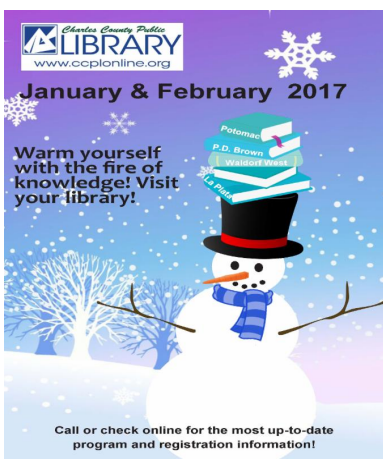
Application.

Click [HERE](#) to download the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application.

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

Charles County Library Programs For January/February 2017

Get a copy of the [January/February](#) brochure to see all the programs available at your local libraries. There are art classes, computer classes, book



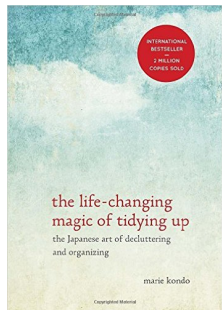
discussions for all ages, movies, craft programs, preschool story times, games, writing classes, and lots of other activities for every interest and age! For more information, call 301-645-1395, or go to <http://www.ccplonline.org>.



Adult Discussion Book Groups

La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

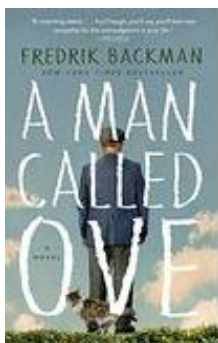
Meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month at the La Plata Library, 2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata. Call 301-934-9001, for more information.



January 12: *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo. Despite constant efforts to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles? Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results.

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.

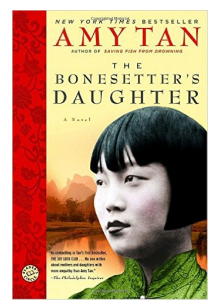


January 25: *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up

a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

Waldorf Senior Center Afternoon Book Club

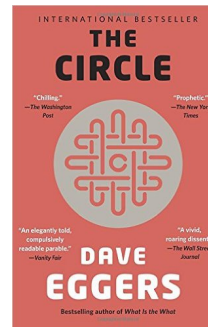
Meets on the last Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 2:00 pm, at the Waldorf Senior Center, 3092 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For more information, contact the Waldorf Senior Center at 301/638-4420.



January 25: *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan. Ruth Young and her widowed mother, LuLing, have always had a tumultuous relationship. Now, before she succumbs to forgetfulness, LuLing gives Ruth some of her writings, which reveal a side of LuLing that Ruth has never known. In a remote mountain village where ghosts and tradition rule, LuLing grew up in the care of her mute Precious Auntie as the family endured a curse laid upon a relative known as the bonesetter. When headstrong LuLing rejected the marriage proposal of the coffinmaker, a shocking series of events were set in motion, following Ruth and LuLing to modern San Francisco. The truth that Ruth learns from her mother's past will forever change her perception of family, love, and forgiveness.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

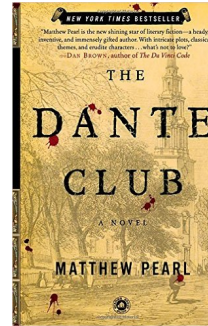
Meets at 1:00 pm, on the first Thursday of each month at the Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles Street, La Plata. For more information, call 301-934-9001.



February 2: *The Circle* by Dave Eggers. When Mae Holland is hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company, she feels she's been given the opportunity of a lifetime. The Circle, run out of a sprawling California campus, links users' personal emails, social media, banking, and purchasing with their universal operating system, resulting in one online identity and a new age of civility and transparency. What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy, democracy, and the limits of human knowledge.

P.D. Brown Library Adult Book Discussion Group

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



February 4: *The Dante Club* by Matthew Pearl. Boston, 1865. A series of murders, all of them inspired by scenes in Dante's *Inferno*. Only an elite group of America's first Dante scholars: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, and J. T. Fields, can solve the mystery. With the police baffled, more lives endangered, and Dante's literary future at stake, the Dante Club must shed its sheltered literary existence and find the killer.

Charles County Public Library
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Click [HERE](#) to start your hoopla experience today!



CCPL is excited to announce the public availability of thousands of movies, television shows, music albums and audiobooks, all available for mobile and online access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. hoopla is a category-creating service that partners with public libraries across North America to provide online and mobile access to thousands of Movies, TV Shows, Music, eBooks, Audiobooks and Comics. With hoopla, you can borrow, instantly stream and download free dynamic content with your library card, and the best part... no late fees! Each cardholder is allowed six checkouts per month. All content is accessible via hoopla's mobile app and online at hoopladigital.com.

Community Senior Centers Get the [*SCOOP*](#) on What's Happening!



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 [January](#) copy of *The SCOOP*, Charles County's Senior Center News, or click [here](#) to go to their website.

Contact Us

301-392-5900 | info@charlescountyarts.org | www.charlescountyarts.org

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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.