

Arts Newsflash

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February 15, 2018

Celebrating 30 Years of Service to the Community

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day

Thursday, February 22, 2018, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm

St. John's College and Miller Senate Building, Annapolis, MD

Registration: \$40 through February 16, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Adam Lerner, Museum of Contemporary Art
Denver

REGISTER NOW!



Register NOW for the most important arts advocacy event of the year. Join the chorus of voices that will be making the case to Maryland

lawmakers for public funding for the arts. This exhilarating event brings together more than 500 arts advocates, artists, educators, administrators, board members, volunteers, and more from across the state. In addition to remarks from lawmakers passionate about the arts and the presentation of the annual Sue Hess Arts Advocate of the Year Award, attendees will hear from dazzling keynote speaker Adam Lerner (Director and Chief Animator, Museum of Contemporary Art Denver), and have the opportunity to champion the arts directly with their lawmakers. For more information and the agenda, visit mdarts.org/events/maryland-arts-day.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Meet the Artists Public Reception!

Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm



Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Light refreshments will be served

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Arts Insider Newsletter

Come meet the artists whose works are currently on display at the Library! The

gallery runs through June 2, with 52 works of art by 27 artists. This is the 21st exhibit in partnership with the Charles County Public Library!

Check out the main gallery on the first floor, the display case near the elevators, and the second floor fiction area and study rooms. For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

Charles County Arts Alliance 2018 Scholarship Program is Open!



Deadline to Apply: Noon, March 9, 2018

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) awards \$1,000 scholarships to one outstanding graduating senior from each public high school in Charles County who plans to continue studying the Arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Additionally, the PNC Foundation is sponsoring two \$1000 scholarships to graduating public high school seniors who demonstrate a financial need and plan to continue studying the Arts at a four year college or university toward a career in the Arts.

Go to <https://charlescountyarts.org/program/scholarships> or click [HERE](#) to download the CCAA Scholarship Application for High School Students; click [HERE](#) to download the PNC Foundation Scholarship Application for High School Students Meeting the Financial Need Requirements.

Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

Complete applications must be submitted through the US Postal Service to the CCAA Office, PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695, in sufficient time to be received (not postmarked) by noon, March 9, 2018.

Applications may also be hand-delivered to the CCAA Office at 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646, between the hours of 9:00 am and 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

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

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

College of Southern Maryland Children's Theatre
Amazing Grace

Friday, February 16, 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 17, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

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Charles County Public Library
the artScape

*The artScape is a monthly newsletter
highlighting FREE art programs at the
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Charles County Public Library
January - February Programs

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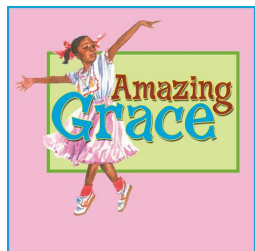
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La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



This is the story of a little girl who loves acting out stories, those told and read to her by her grandmother as well as ones she reads on her own. She also makes up her own stories, acting out the most exciting parts. When Grace is in her playworld, everything to her is real. In her imagination, she becomes the characters. Grace is told by two of her classmates that she can't be Peter Pan in the school play because she is a girl and because she is black. In the end, Grace

shows us that she can indeed do anything she sets her mind to. For more information, contact the Box office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players

Doubt

Friday, February 16 and 23, 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 17 and 24, 8:00 pm

Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Youth, Military

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Sister Aloysius, a Bronx school principal, takes matters into her own hands when she suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award. For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com> or call 301-932-6819.

College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown Campus

Benny C. Morgan Series

Antony Zwerdling

Saturday, February 17, 3:00 pm

Building A, Auditorium

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

Free Admission!



Antony Zwerdling is an active performer in the DC area, performing over 25 operatic roles. He appears with numerous opera companies, including Washington National Opera, Opera Lafayette, Wolf Trap Opera, Boston Lyric Opera, Lake George Opera, and Washington Concert Opera. Zwerdling received his Bachelors degree from Northwestern University and Masters from Boston University. In 2007, he earned his Doctorate from Shenandoah Conservatory, writing about songs of Samuel Barber. He is an active voice teacher, maintaining a studio at Hood College and College of Southern Maryland. For more information, call the

Box Office at 301-934-7828.



Chameleon John

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College of Southern Maryland
Call for Performers for the 6th Annual Renaissance Festival

Performer Worksheets Must Be Submitted by February 28
La Plata Campus, 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Festival dates: April 21 - 22, 2018



Actors and musicians needed! You could wander the festival with your talent and entertain the people! Street performers are vital for creating an immersive experience at a Renaissance festival. Town Folk and Wandering Talent will be trained in the basics of street performance and improvisation by someone with 19 years of experience performing at Renaissance

Festivals. Evening and weekend rehearsals will be required. Contact the Renaissance Festival Director, Erin Timmermann, at etimmermann@csmd.edu.

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

First Friday: Women in the Civil War

Friday, March 2, 6:00 pm

Port Tobacco Courthouse

8430 Commerce Street, Port Tobacco

Light Refreshments will be Served

Free Admission! Donations Welcomed!



Presented by Donna Peterson from the Dr. Mudd Museum. For more information, contact Joyce Edelen at 301-934-9056, or keechjoyce@aol.com.

College of Southern Maryland
Children's Theatre

Around the World in 8 Plays

Friday, March 2, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 3, 2:00 and 7:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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

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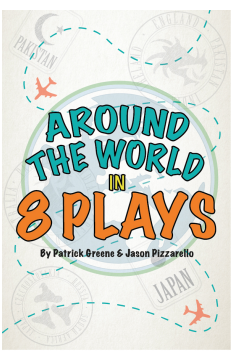
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(Comedy) Travel around the world and explore forgotten myths and unusual legends in eight fast-paced and hilarious tales! Guided by a band of traveling Romani, the audience is transported from the ancient Far East, where a hero must kill a giant centipede to save a dragon king, to the Russian countryside, where a poor orphan must defeat three witches who stole his grandfather's eyes. Always quirky, and sometimes bizarre, these eight tales are filled with magic, mystery, and morals. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion Bluegrass Series

Lou Reid & Carolina

Sunday, March 11, 2:00 pm

American Legion Post 238, Rts. 381 & 231, Hughesville

Admission: \$20 (Children under 12 admitted free with a paying adult)



Lou Reid and Carolina are based out of Union Grove, North Carolina. The band began in 1992, with its sound largely based in traditional bluegrass roots with emphasis on dynamic vocals. The current band is no exception. For more information, visit americanlegionbluegrass.com.

College of Southern Maryland Prince Frederick Ward Virts Concert Series

Michael Kannen, Cello

Sunday, March 11, 3:00 pm

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104,

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free Admission!



Cellist Michael Kannen has distinguished himself as a musician and educator of uncommon accomplishment who is comfortable in widely diverse musical situations and venues. He was a founding member of the Brentano String Quartet and for seven years performed with that group on concert stages around the world, on radio and television, and on recordings. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland Cause Theatre

Journey's End

Thursday, March 15, 7:30 pm

Friday, March 16, 8:00 pm

Saturday, March 17, 2:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$5

Due to mature subject matter, this production may not be suitable

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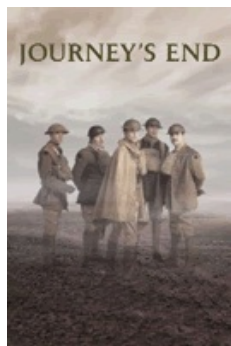
Cindi Barnhart

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for all ages.



Set over the course of four days leading up to a massive German attack on the British trenches in 1917, *Journey's End* charts the tension and claustrophobia as the new recruit to the company, Lieutenant Raleigh, discovers that Captain Stanhope, his former childhood friend and hero, has changed almost beyond recognition. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Click [here](#) for the downloadable form to join or renew by mail.

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

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.

Port Tobacco Players *Jesus Christ Super Star*

March 16 - April 9

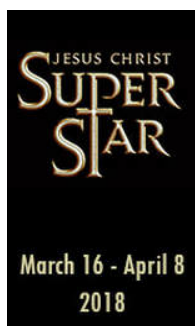
Fridays, Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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

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(Musical) This rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, *Superstar* follows the last week of Jesus Christ's life. The story, told entirely through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

Indian Head Center for the Arts & Black Box Players

The Tin Woman

Friday - Saturday, March 23, 24, 8:00 pm

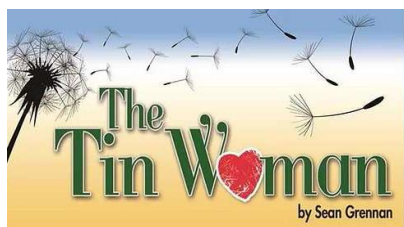
Sunday, March 25, 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 31, 3:00 and 8:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Seniors, Students, Military; \$9 Children 12 and Under

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Instead of relishing life after her heart transplant, Joy enters a downward spiral, unsure whether she truly deserves a second chance. Meanwhile, Alice and Hank mourn the loss of their son, Jack, whose heart was used to save Joy. At a friend's urging, Joy tracks down Jack's family to find closure. But are Alice and

Hank, and their daughter Sammy ready to accept Jack's death? Based on a true story, *The Tin Woman* uses humor and pathos to explain loss, family, and what it means to be given new life. For more information, visit

indianheadblackbox.org.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Winter Open All-Media Exhibition

February 23 - March 25

Reception: Sunday, February 25, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

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.



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

National Folk Festival

Call for Vendors

Festival Dates: September 7 - 9, 2018

Salisbury, Maryland

Early Bird Application Deadline: March 1

Final Application Deadline: April 16

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Application Details



The Festival Marketplace at the National Folk Festival will exclusively feature the juried, handmade creations of the finest artists and craftspeople from the State of Maryland and the Delmarva Peninsula. It will include both deeply traditional crafts and more contemporary artistic expressions. Eligible items include pottery,

jewelry, quilts, stained and blown glass, sculpture, photography, woodwork, paintings, textile art, custom furniture and mixed media. For more information, contact Carol Alexander at carolalexander21@gmail.com, or Caroline O'Hare at 347-678-3525, or cohare@salisbury.md.

College of Southern Maryland

Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Tall Tales: Ceramic Sculpture Culture Exhibition

Now through March 1

Artist Lecture: Thursday, February 22, 12:30 pm

Community Education Building (CE), Room 101

Reception to Follow

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



This exhibition showcases contemporary ceramic works made by the resident artists at Baltimore Clayworks. From figure sculpture to functional pottery, the work in this exhibition represents the range of possibilities in the field of ceramics. For more information, visit <https://www.csmd.edu/community/the-arts/visual-arts/hungerford-gallery/index>.

Howard County Arts Council
Call for Artists with Public Art Experience
Deadline to Apply: March 2, 2018
Click [HERE](#) for Guidelines and Submission Information



The Howard County Arts Council is currently seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2018*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2018 to July 2019. Selected artists will be awarded a \$2,500 grant to participate in the exhibit. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.hocoarts.org/apply-now-artsites-2018>.

Community Bank of the Chesapeake
Waldorf Branch
"Call for Artists"



Theme is "Artists Choice"
Deadline to Submit: March 8, 2018
Click [HERE](#) for Complete Details

Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their next art show in 2018. This is a multi-media exhibit, to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD, from April 20, 2018 - August 24, 2018.

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). Non-members 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; reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line. Please click on the link above for complete submission details.

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

Annemarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center Call for Entries for a National Juried Exhibition

Of a Feather: Birds in Art

May 25 - August 26, 2018

Deadline to Apply: March 26, 2018

13470 Dowell Road, Dowell (Solomons), MD

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Application Details



Explore the wonderful, wild world of birds! With dazzling displays of colorful plumage and a myriad of lively birdsong, it's no wonder our feathered friends have fascinated birdwatchers for centuries. The jury seeks artwork that captures the vibrant spirit of aviary life, portraying beauty, diversity and detail of the birds that fill our skies. All media welcome; small to large-scale works sought; indoor and outdoor works to be included; cash awards. Juror to be announced, typically drawn from the Smithsonian Institution. For more information, visit <http://www.annmariegarden.org>, or email art@annmariegarden.org.

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



Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Mattawoman Creek Art Center's "Express Charles County in Art"

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 June 30, 2018

E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway

29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

Gallery Hours: Daily, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Multi-Artist Show, through April 20, 2018

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 Vicki Marckel, through April 2018
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through June 2, 2018

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

"Meet the Artists" Public Reception on Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 4:00 pm!

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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Writers of Color Book Club

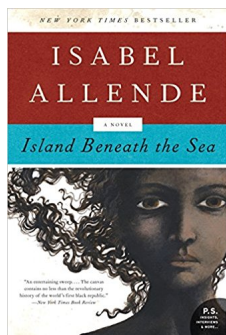
Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Island Beneath the Sea by Isabel Allende. From the sugar plantations of Saint-Domingue to the lavish parlors of New Orleans at the turn of the 19th century, author Isabel Allende tells the story of a mulatta woman, a slave and concubine, determined to take control of her own destiny.

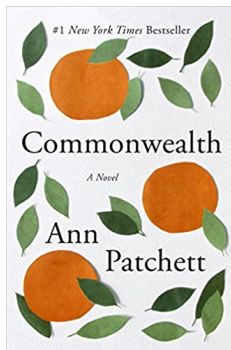
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 28, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head.

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. One Sunday afternoon in Southern California, Bert Cousins shows up at Franny Keating's christening party uninvited. Before evening falls, he has kissed Franny's mother, Beverly, thus setting in motion the dissolution of their marriages and the joining of two families. Spanning five decades, *Commonwealth* explores how this chance encounter reverberates through the lives of the four parents and six children.

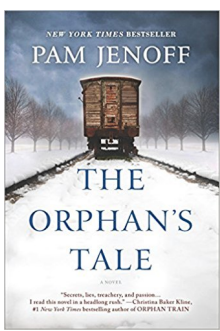
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, March 1, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



The Orphan's Tale by Pam Jenoff. Sixteen-year-old Noa has been cast out in disgrace after becoming pregnant by a Nazi soldier and being forced to give up her baby. She lives above a small rail station, which she cleans in order to earn her keep. When Noa discovers a boxcar containing dozens of Jewish infants bound for a concentration camp, she is reminded of the child that was taken from her. And in a moment that will change the course of her life, she snatches one of the babies and flees into the snowy night.

College of Southern Maryland, Prince Frederick Campus

Connections Literary Series

Poet Fleda Brown

Friday, March 2, 7:30 pm

John E. Harms Academic Center (Building A), Room 119

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Tickets: \$3 in Advance, \$5 at the Event



Fleda Brown has won the Felix Pollak Prize, a Pushcart Prize, the Philip Levine Prize, and the Great Lakes Colleges New Writer's Award, and her work has twice been a finalist for the National Poetry Series. She is professor emerita at the University of Delaware, where she taught for 27 years and directed the Poets in the Schools program. She was poet laureate of Delaware from 2001-07. She now lives in Traverse City, Michigan, and is on the faculty of the Rainier Writing Workshop, a low-residency MFA program in Tacoma, Washington.

For more information and to reserve advance tickets, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

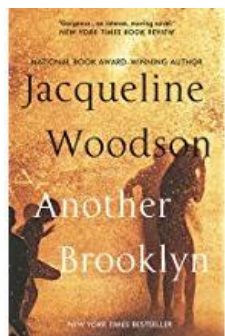
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, March 3, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Another Brooklyn by Jacqueline Woodson. Running into a long-ago friend sets memories from the 1970s in motion for August, transporting her to a time and a place where friendship was everything--until it wasn't. For August and her girls, sharing confidences as they ambled through neighborhood streets, Brooklyn was a place where they believed that they were beautiful, talented, brilliant--a part of a future that belonged to them. But beneath the hopeful veneer, there was another Brooklyn, a dangerous place where grown men reached for innocent girls in dark hallways, where ghosts haunted the night, where mothers disappeared. A world where madness was

just a sunset away and fathers found hope in religion.

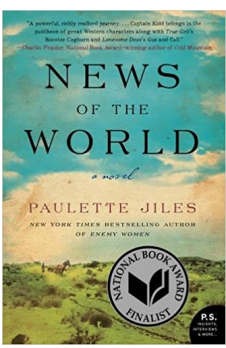
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 8, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



News of the World by Paulette Jiles. It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. Their 400-mile journey south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult and at times dangerous. Arriving in San Antonio, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. The captain must hand Johanna over to an aunt and uncle she does not remember, strangers who regard her as an unwanted burden. A respectable man, Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become, in the eyes of the law, a kidnapper himself.

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

Charles County Public Library

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Contact Us

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Mailing Address: PO Box 697, White Plains, MD 20695

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, 10250 La Plata Road, La Plata, MD 20646

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.