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January 10, 2019

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CCAA NEWS

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home *Call for Artists*



Theme is "Artists Choice"
Deadline to Submit: January 18, 2019
Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Art Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their Spring Art Show, a multi-media exhibit, to be held at Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, 29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622, from February 4, 2019, to June 30, 2019. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway.

Local artists are invited to submit a maximum of two works of art for consideration (there is no submission fee).

For more information on the gallery, contact Angela Quade at 301-884-8171, ext. 403; or VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

You Are Invited!
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception
Saturday, January 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall
Light Refreshments will be Served

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The Gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway. The current show features 40 artists and 70 works of art. For more information, contact Angela Quade at 240-577-7003, or veteranshomeart@charhall.org.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day

REGISTER NOW!

Thursday, February 14, 8:15 am - 2:00 pm

Francis Scott Key Auditorium

St. John's College, Annapolis, Maryland

Park and Get the Shuttle at the Navy-Marine Corps Stadium

Early Bird Registration is \$25 per Person Until January 31, 2019



maryland citizens for the arts
One Voice for All the Arts in Maryland

Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state and Baltimore

City, this statewide 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, go to <https://mdarts.org/events/maryland-arts-day> or call 410-467-6700.

Maryland State Arts Council

Creativity Grants

Click [HERE](#) for the Guidelines and Application Process

Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning February 1, 2019, for the FY 2019 cycle, and on April 1, 2019, for the FY 2020 cycle.



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The purpose of the program is to strengthen the vitality and sustainability of artists and small organizations to maintain a strong and stable arts infrastructure in the State of Maryland. The Creativity Grant also provides opportunities to serve the

growing needs of relevant arts projects and collaborations within Maryland communities. For more information, go to [Creativity Grants](#).

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Charles County Public Library
the artScape

The artScape is a monthly newsletter highlighting FREE art programs at the five library branches in Charles County

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

The Newtowne Players Auditions

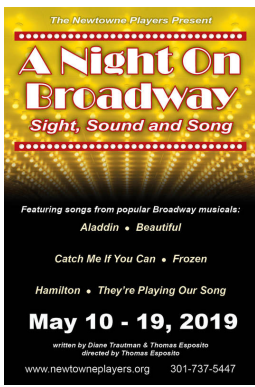
A Night on Broadway

Thursday - Friday, January 10 - 11, 6:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Thanks to Our Sponsors



The show will include music from *Aladdin*, *Beautiful*, *Catch Me If You Can*, *Frozen*, *Hamilton*, *They're Playing Our Song* and more. Auditions consist of predetermined selections. Performance dates are May 10 - 19. For more information and the list of songs for the auditions, visit [Audition Information](#).



Children's Voices of Southern Maryland

Auditions for ages 6 - 16

Thursdays, January 10 and 17

Tuesday, January 15

Ms Georgia's Creative Arts Academy

7454 Woodhaven Drive, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) to Sign Up for An Audition Time



CVSM, an all inclusive children's choir, features three levels: Apprentice, Choir, and Chamber. Children are invited to audition to be part of the Broadway and Disney themed May concert. The audition is a relaxed experience meant to meet and ascertain which choir will be appropriate for each child. Rehearsals are held weekly in White Plains. For more information, contact the director, Ms Georgia

Bonney, at info@childrensvoicessomd.org, or 301-542-9359.

Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion

Bluegrass Series

Lonesome River Band

Sunday, January 13, Doors Open at Noon, Show Starts at 2:00 pm

American Legion Post 238, 6265 Brandywine Road (corner MD Rts. 381 & 231), Hughesville

Tickets: \$20, Children under 12 admitted free with a paying adult
Dinner, drinks and dessert available for purchase



Tantallon Community Players Auditions

Annie: The Musical

Sunday - Monday, January 13 - 14, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Harmony Hall Regional Center

10701 Livingston Road, Fort Washington



Performance dates are May 10 - 19, 2019.
For more information,
visit <https://www.tantallonplayers.org>.



Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Auditions

Open to High School Age and Older

Monday, January 14, 6:30 pm, by Appointment

Peace Lutheran Church

11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf

Call Carol at 301-642-0594 to Schedule an Audition



The Choral Society focuses on extended Choral works as well as various choral styles and periods of music. Auditions will consist of vocal warm-ups, pitch matching and vocal exercises to determine the singer's vocal range. No prepared piece is necessary! 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 pm, at Peace Lutheran Church, and performs three different concerts throughout the season. For more information visit www.chesapeakechoral.com.



Port Tobacco Players

Next to Normal

January 18 - February 3

Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

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



(Musical Drama) Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and three Tony Awards, "Next to Normal" is a modern musical theatre masterpiece that takes a searing and honest look at mental illness and the personal crises that accompany it. On the surface, the Goodmans seem to be a typical American family, but inside the walls of their

suburban home an unspoken heartbreak threatens to tear them apart. With a powerful rock score that packs a punch, "Next to Normal" takes audiences on an emotional journey of love, loss, anguish, and hope. For more information, visit <http://www.ptplayers.com> or call the Box Office at 301-932-

CCAA Member Organizations & Businesses

African American Heritage Society
of Charles County

Archbishop Neale School

Bullock's Piano Salon

College of Southern Maryland Auditions for Ages 10 and Up

Pippin

Tuesday - Wednesday, January 22 - 23, 6:00 pm

Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



(Main Stage Musical) Heir to the Frankish throne, the young prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. Performance dates are April 25, 26, 27, May 3, plus May 4 and 5, during the

Renaissance Festival. **To audition:** Prepare a one-minute monologue and 16 bars of a song with music for the accompanist. Come dressed to move. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

Port Tobacco Players Encore Kids

Auditions

Thursday, January 24, 6:30 pm

Sunday, January 27, 11:00 am

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Encore Kids invites children, ages 9-11, to participate in their mission to serve in the community outreach program of the Port Tobacco Players. Children who have an interest in and a flair for the theater have an opportunity to explore and develop their talent in various terms and aspects of live theater. This is a year-round onstage opportunity. To audition, prepare a short monologue. For more information, call the Box Office at

301-932-6819.

Indian Head Black Box Theatre

Ms. Story's Living History

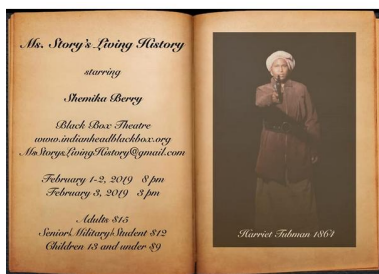
Friday - Saturday, February 1 - 2, 8:00 pm

Sunday, February 3, 3:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Senior, Military, Student; \$9 Children 13 and Under

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Starring Shemika Berry. For those who love history and those who don't. History springs forth from the pages, removing the mystery about powerful and fascinating women whose impacts are still felt today, whether you know of them or not. For more information, go to <http://www.indianheadblackbox.org> or call 301-743-3040.

The Newtowne Players

She Loves Me

February 1 - 17

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 8:00 pm

Sunday, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

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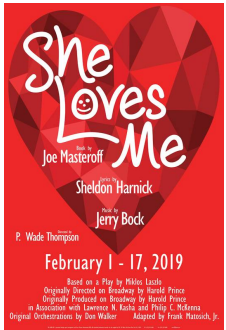
CCAA Board of Directors

Gale Kladitis, *President*

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$15 Senior, Student, Military; \$13 Child
Thursday Performances (February 7 and 14), All Tickets are \$13

Robert Rausch, *Vice President*
Ronald G. Brown, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Diane Rausch, *Past President*
Bill Adams
Cindy Johnson
Joseph Wimberly

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Cindi Barnhart



She Loves Me is a warm romantic comedy with an endearing innocence and a touch of old-world elegance. Georg works at a modest Hungarian parfumerie and spends his free time pouring out his heart in anonymous letters to Dear Friend, the love of his life. Amalia gets a job at the shop and it's immediately clear how much they hate each other. It's also immediately clear (to the audience), that Amalia is Georg's Dear Friend. Tickets can be purchased online or by calling 301-737-5447.

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Why Not Join Us Now?

Port Tobacco Players Auditions for Ages 18 and Up

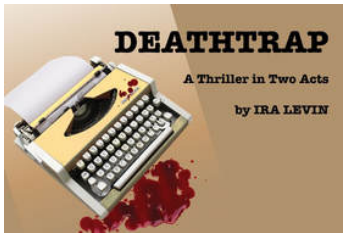
Deathtrap

Saturday, February 2, 9:00 am

Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Seemingly comfortably ensconced in his charming Connecticut home, Sidney Bruhl, a successful writer of Broadway thrillers, is struggling to overcome a "dry" spell which has resulted in a string of failures and a shortage of funds. A possible break in his fortunes occurs when he receives a script from a student in the seminar he has been conducting. **Auditions** consist of cold readings from the

script. Performance Dates are May 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31, and June 1 and 2, 2019. Visit [Auditions](#) for more information and the list of characters, or contact the producer, Mike Gahan, at mikegahan@verizon.net or 301-609-1969.

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 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.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Sahun Hong, Piano

Sunday, February 10, 3:00 pm

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free and Open to the Public



At the age of 16, Hong graduated magna cum laude from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance, studying with John Owings. He is currently a student of Leon Fleisher in the Doctor of Musical Arts program at the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University. Hong was most recently the winner of the 2017 Vendome Prize at Verbier, and also received Second Prize at the 2017 International Beethoven Competition Vienna. He was a finalist in the 2017 American Pianists

Awards. For more information, contact the CSM Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Call for Crafters and Performers

Click [HERE](#) to Download the Application

Deadline to Apply: February 28



CSM will host its 7th Renaissance Festival on Saturday, May 4, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, and Sunday, May 5, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Do you make jewelry, candles, soap, or leather pouches? Apply to be a vendor and sell your wares at the festival. Booth fees are nominal and you get to enjoy both days of the festival while you work. All applicants must be approved by the

Renaissance Festival Committee. Maybe acting is more your thing or you want to take your flute playing on the road. You could wander the festival with your talent and entertain the people! Town Folk and Wandering Talent will be trained in the basics of street performance and improvisation by someone with 20 years of experience performing at Renaissance festivals. Evening and weekend rehearsals will be required. Performer worksheets must be submitted by February 28. Contact the Renaissance Festival Director, Erin Timmermann, at etimmermann@csm.edu, for more information or call the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

VISUAL ARTS [{top}](#)

Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

Meeting and Paint-In

Saturday, January 12, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



Debbie Williams will lead in a project by Jamie Mills-Price titled "Festive McSparkle." Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835, or smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com for the list of supplies for this project. For more information about SMDP, visit their website at <http://www.smdpaint.org>.

Maryland State Arts Council

From The Mountains, To The Ocean - Maryland

Landscapes Inspired by Countryside, City and Sea

Exhibit Runs through January 14, 2019

MSAC Office, 175 W. Ostend Street, Baltimore, MD 21230



Maryland has a rich and diverse tradition of capturing and expressing the physical and cultural fabric of our state and its people. The range of expression from *plein air* painting, to urban photography, to writing and poetry, reveals and communicates the

environments of the present influenced by the past. For more information, go to msac.org/arts-across-maryland/call-maryland-artists.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

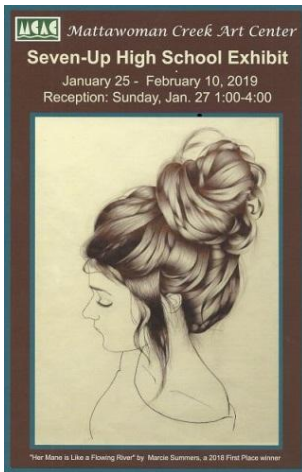
January 25 - February 10

Reception: Sunday, January 27, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Awards

Presentation at 2:00 pm

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury
Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; inform the Park Ranger
when entering the Park



A showcase of the best works of art students
from the seven Charles County High Schools.
For more information, visit mattawomanart.org.

College of Southern Maryland Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

Sukjin Choi: Path

February 4 - March 14

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm; Saturday,
10:00 am to 6:00 pm



"We cannot stop our journey here in
life. When we wake, we cannot deny
having another morning and then
another night. And we cannot deny our
memories. The wheel also, then, is who
we are, our identity cycling like the
oceans caught in the tidal dance
between the moon of memory and the
earth of our living day." For more
information, go to [Tony Hungerford](http://TonyHungerford.com)

[Exhibit](#) or call 301-934-7828.

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



[Charles County Government Commissioners Building](#)

Solo Show with Susannah Lynch, through January 16, 2019

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 January 31, 2019

Meet the Artists Public Reception January 26, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

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 19, 2019

3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601

Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Show with Bill and Suzanne Cassidy, through January 15, 2019

5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646

Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at

301-392-5900, or info@charlescountyarts.org.

LITERARY ARTS {top}

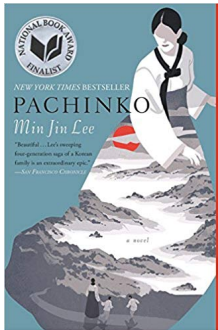
La Plata Library Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 10, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Meets on the second Thursday of every month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.** In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant—and that her lover is married—she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.

Maryland Writers Association, Charles County Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Christ Church, 112 Charles Street, La Plata

Open to All



Meet and greet the group, hear their latest projects and respond to several writers prompts. For more information, contact Karen D. McIntyre at pumamamd@gmail.com.

For more information about the association, visit <https://marylandwriters.org/about.php>.

Writers of Color Book Club

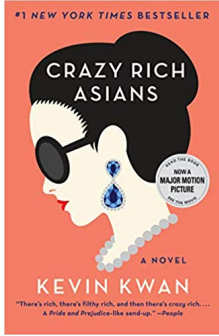
Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan. When New Yorker Rachel Chu agrees to spend the summer in Singapore with her boyfriend, Nicholas Young, she envisions a humble family home and quality time with the man she hopes to marry. But Nick has failed to give his girlfriend a few key details. One, that his childhood home looks like a palace; two, that he grew up riding in more private planes than cars; and three, that he just happens to be the country's most eligible bachelor.

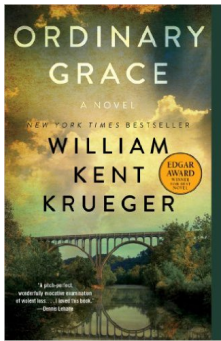
Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 23, 11:00 am - Noon

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

Call 301-375-7375 for more information



Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger.

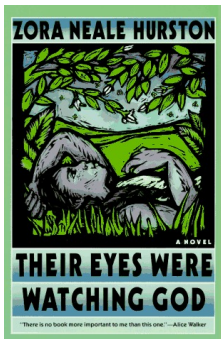
New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, January 26, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale

Hurston. Janie Crawford, the main character in this 1937 novel, learns and grows from her relationships. Her life lessons are woven into the themes of love and "mislove," power and domination, and inequality and discrimination..

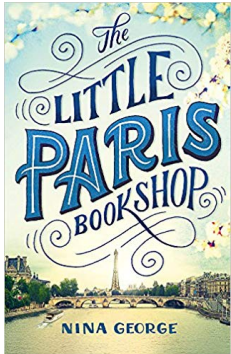
P.D. Brown Library Book Discussion Group

Saturday, February 2, 9:30 - 10:30 am

50 Village Street, Waldorf

Meets on the first Saturday of every month

For more information, call 301-645-2864



The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George.

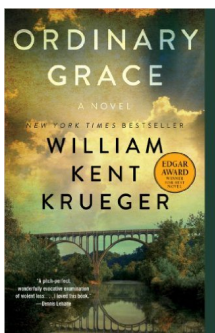
Monsieur Perdu calls himself a literary apothecary. From his floating bookstore in a barge on the Seine, he prescribes novels for the hardships of life. Using his intuitive feel for the exact book a reader needs, Perdu mends broken hearts and souls. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself; he's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter, which he has never opened.

Waldorf Jaycees Senior Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 pm

Meets on the First Wednesday of each Month

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf



Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer in which death visited frequently and assumed many forms. Accident. Nature. Suicide. Murder.

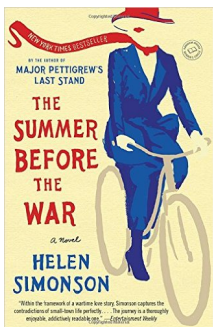
Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, February 7, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

Meets the first Thursday of each month

For more information, call 301-934-9001



The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson.

East Sussex, 1914. Hugh Grange, down from his medical studies, is visiting his Aunt Agatha, who lives with her husband in the small, idyllic coastal town of Rye. Agatha's husband works in the Foreign Office, and she is certain he will ensure that the recent saber rattling over the Balkans won't come to anything. And Agatha has more immediate concerns; she has just risked her carefully built reputation by pushing for the appointment of a woman to replace the Latin master.

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ARTS {top}**

Society for the Restoration of Port Tobacco

3rd Annual Blue Dog Saloon Dinner

Sunday, February 10, 3:00 pm

Blue Dog Saloon and Restaurant

7940 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco

Cost: \$55 per person, plus gratuity

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



Appetizers, salad, dinner, cocktails, dessert, raffle and fun. For more information, contact Joyce Edelen at 301-934-9056 or keechjoyce@aol.com.

Charles County Arts Alliance 2019 Scholarship Program is Open!



Deadline to Apply: Noon, March 8, 2019

Each year the Charles County Arts Alliance (CCAA) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to one outstanding graduating senior from each of the seven public high schools in Charles County who plans to major in the Arts (performing, visual or literary) at a four-year college or university toward a career in the Arts. Click [HERE](#) to download an application or go to [CCAA Scholarship Program](#). Charles County Public School Seniors may also see their College and Career Advisors for a copy of the application.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900, or email info@charlescountyarts.org or ronbrown990@gmail.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.

Charles County Public Library Stream TV, Movies and Music for FREE 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.

Contact Us

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

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.