




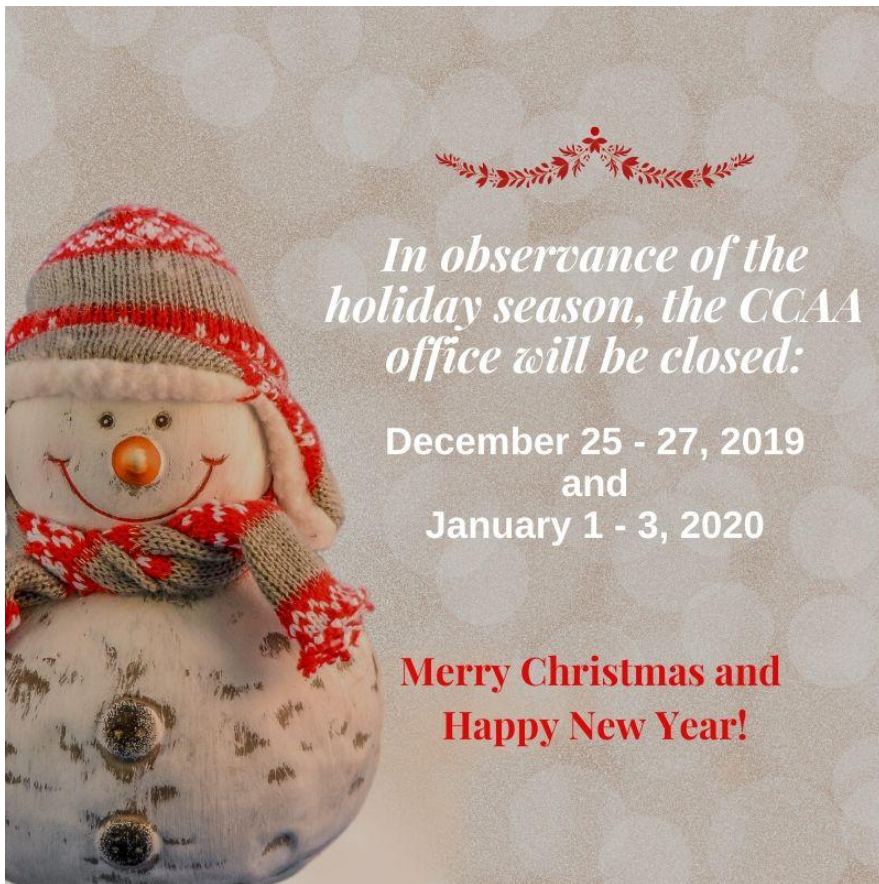
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December 19, 2019

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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

**Charles County Public Library
Programs and Events**

**If You're:
A Local Resident,
A Local Business Owner/Operator,
Considering Establishing a Local Business, or
An Artist of Any Sort (Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Media Arts, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, etc.)**

An Arts & Entertainment District is being considered for downtown La Plata. The Town of La Plata is working with the CCAA, Shop 53 Tattoo and Art Studio, and the local arts scene to get their thoughts, but would like to hear yours, too. Click [here](#) to complete a brief survey.

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home *Call for Artists*



**Theme is "Artists Choice"
Exhibit Dates: February 4 to June 30, 2020
Deadline to Submit: January 17, 2020
Click [HERE](#) for Complete Submission Details
Submission is Free and Open to the Public**

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home, in partnership with the Charles County Arts 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. The gallery will be presented along the E-Wing Dining Hallway in the Assisted Living Unit.

For more information on the gallery, contact Charlotte Hall Veterans Home at 301-884-8171 ext. 403, or send an email to VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

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PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Charles County Public Schools *New Dance Program*

Applications Available Now through December 20, 3:00 pm
Click [HERE](#) to Apply



CCPS will launch a dance program at the start of the 2020-21 school year. Housed at Maurice J. McDonough High School, the program is open only to current CCPS





eight graders or eighth-grade students who plan to enroll in CCPS for the 2020-21 school year. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).



Southern Maryland Dance Company
Holiday Dance Recital Showcase
 Saturday, December 21, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 Capital Clubhouse

Buy Tickets Now!

3033 Waldorf Market Place, Waldorf
 Donation: \$10 Adults; Students Free



Come see the students of SMDC showcase their performing arts skills in dance, drama, and music to celebrate the holiday season. For more information, click [here](#) or call 301-769-6552.



Port Tobacco Players
Move Over Mrs. Markham

Buy Tickets Now!

January 17 - February 2
 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

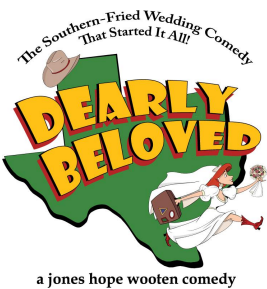
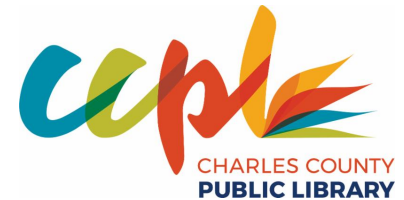


This comedy is set in a very elegant, top floor London flat, belonging to Philip and Joanna Markham. The flat has been under renovation, and thus has been largely empty. Watch what happens when three unsuspecting sets of people converge on the apartment, expecting to find it empty, and chaos and confusion ensue. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.



Port Tobacco Players
Auditions: Dearly Beloved

Sunday, January 18, 10:00 am
 Monday and Tuesday, January 20 - 21, 7:00 pm
 508 Charles Street, La Plata



Dearly Beloved is a fast-paced comedy about community, love, family, and barbeque. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. No appointments are necessary. Please be prepared to provide all conflicts between the audition dates and closing night. Performance dates are Friday - Sunday, May 15 - 31, 2020. For more information, send an email to Debbie Gilley at gilleyclan@gmail.com.



Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion

Bluegrass Concert Series
Carolina Blue

Sunday, January 19, Doors Open at Noon, Show Starts at 2:00 pm



American Legion Post 238
 Corner of MD Rts. 381 and 231, Hughesville
 Tickets: \$20, Children Under 12 are Free with a Paying Adult
 Dinner, Drinks, Desserts Available for Purchase



Labeled as "Bluegrass comfort food," this fairly new group has the ability to deliver old traditional bluegrass standards with many of their own new and original songs. Their high energy music will have you clapping your hands and tapping your toes. For more information, visit <http://www.americanlegionbluegrass.com>

Steam Onward

Call for Entries: Charles County Got Talent

Registration Deadline: April 5, 2020



CHARLES COUNTY GOT TALENT

Audition videos are now being accepted for this Youth Talent Show open to ages 5 - 21. All disciplines are welcome to enter, including: Choirs, Singers, Rappers, and Dancers. Click [here](#) to submit your audition video. For more information, send an email to steamonward.org@gmail.com.

Maryland State Arts Council Grant Opportunities



Applications are now being accepted for three programs: [Artist in Residence](#), [Presenting and Touring](#) and [Creativity Grants](#). Click on each grant type for guidelines. For more information, visit <https://www.msac.org/programs> or



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VISUAL ARTS {top}

Maryland State Arts Council

Open Call for Maryland State Arts Council's Winter 2020 Exhibition, "Dear, Mom"

Submission Deadline: January 6, 2020

Exhibit: January 9 - March 19, 2020

Click [HERE](#) to Submit



The Maryland State Arts Council is presenting four seasonal open-call exhibits in their gallery space! They are kicking off their exhibit season with "Dear, Mom" - a non-juried show that features visual art and written messages between a child and mother-figures in the form of greeting/postcard art. All Maryland residents are welcome to submit work. For more information, send an email to Rosa Chang at rosa.chang@maryland.gov.

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Open Studio on Fridays, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; inform the Park Ranger when entering the Park



Come and paint at your leisure. Bring your own supplies and a friend. For more information, contact Nancy Owens at nancypaints@verizon.net.

HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW!



CCAA-SUPPORTED ART GALLERY

Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

Multi-Artist Show through January 31, 2020

E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622

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

CCAA-SPONSORED ART GALLERIES

Charles County Government Commissioners Building

Solo Show with Gina Dennis through January 7, 2020

Solo Show with Gina Durgin through January 7, 2020
200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf

Multi-Artist Show through December 27, 2019
3035 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Charlotte Hall

Featuring Works by David Zippi, through January 15, 2020
30165 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall, MD 20622
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm,
Friday, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm; Saturday, 9:00 am to noon

University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center

Solo Show with Addison Likins, through January 8, 2020
5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD 20646
Gallery hours: Daily, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

Multi-Artist Show, through February 1, 2020
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf, MD 20603
Gallery Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm; Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 pm;
and Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

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

LITERARY ARTS {top}

Marylander Writers' Association

[Notable Maryland Author for December: John Shields](#)

Submit Entries to [Fun With Words](#)

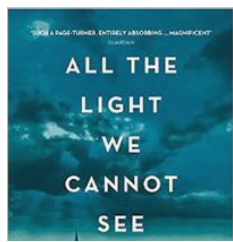
Deadline to Submit: December 25



Maryland Writers' Association invites you to have fun being a food writer. Using just 100 words, pick a holiday and a holiday food to write about. Include its cultural context, a personal memory, and a preparation tip. All entries will be published at www.mwawritersroundtable.org.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, January 2, 1:00 pm
1210 Charles Street, La Plata
For more information, call 301-934-9001



***All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doer.**

The paths of Marie-Laure, a blind French girl, and Werner Pfennig, a German boy, collide in occupied France, as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.

By interweaving their lives, *All the Light We Cannot See*, illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another.

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

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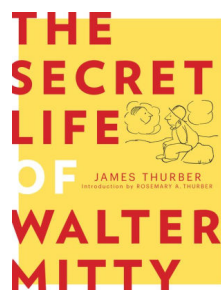
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, January 4, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



***The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* by James**

Thurber. This classic short story is about an average man who escapes the tedium of his mundane life by retreating into his vivid imagination.

Charles County Literary Council

Adult Spelling Bee

Saturday, January 11, 6:00 - 10:00 pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church

13735 Notre Dame Place, Bryantown

Team Entry Fee: \$30 per Person



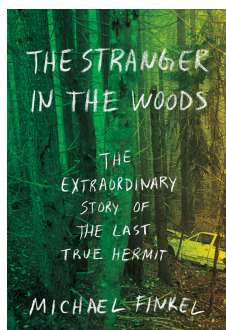
Prepare now to become the Local Adult Spelling Bee Team Champions and have some old-fashioned fun! Admission includes food, water, sodas, entertainment, and cheering! Represent yourself, your business or organization, or form a team with 3 or 4 friends. For more information, call the CCLC office at 301-934-6488.

Waldorf Jaycee Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 15, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



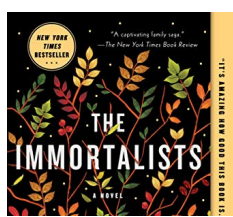
***Stranger in the Woods* by Michael Finkel.** In 1986, a shy and intelligent twenty-year-old named Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the forest. He would not have a conversation with another human being until nearly three decades later, when he was arrested for stealing food. Based on extensive interviews with Knight himself, this is a detailed account of his secluded life and the challenges he faced returning to the world.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, January 16, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin.** It's 1969 in New York City's Lower East Side, and word has spread of the arrival of a mystical woman, a traveling psychic who claims to be able to tell anyone the day they will die. The Gold children, four adolescents on the cusp of self-awareness, sneak out to hear their fortunes. *The Immortalists* probes the line between destiny and choice



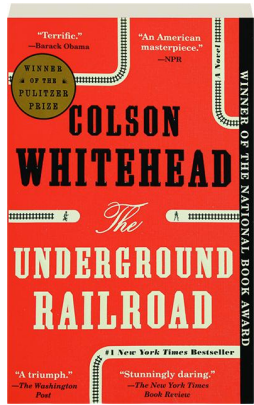
Immortalists probes the line between destiny and choice, reality and illusion, this world and the next. It is a testament to the power of story, the nature of belief, and the unrelenting pull of familial bonds.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 22, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



The Underground Railroad: A Novel by Colson Whitehead. The alternate history novel tells the story of Cora and Caesar, two slaves in the southeastern United States during the 19th century, who make a bid for freedom from their Georgia plantations by following the Underground Railroad. The novel depicts the Underground Railroad as more than a metaphor, using engineers and conductors to operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil.

COMMUNITY - HERITAGE - CULTURAL ARTS {top}

Best of Maryland Arts Education Festival

Call for Student Artists

Application Deadline: January 15, 2020

Festival: April 17, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

Multiple Venues, downtown Baltimore

Click [HERE](#) to Apply



Middle and high school artists from all arts disciplines are invited to present at this one-day festival, celebrating young artists and arts educators across the state of Maryland. Solo artists and smaller ensembles are welcome to apply. Visit their [website](#) for specific requirements. For more information, send an email to Emily Cory at emily.cory@maryland.gov.

Maryland State Arts Council

Creativity Grants

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

Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis

Deadlines for the Creativity Grant Program are rolling. MSAC began accepting applications on April 1, 2019, for the FY20 Application cycle (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020).



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](#).

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

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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, there are 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.

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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 under-served 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.