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November 28, 2019

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Community Bank of the Chesapeake - Waldorf Branch
Call for Artists



Theme is "Artists Choice"

Exhibit Dates: December 27, 2019 - April 17, 2020

Deadline to Submit: December 6, 2019

Click [HERE](#) for Complete Submission Details

Submission is Free and Open to the Public



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Community Bank of the Chesapeake, in partnership with the Charles County Arts Alliance, is now accepting submissions for their next multi-media art show to be held at the Main Waldorf Branch, 3035 Leonardtown Road,

Scroll down for the latest on what's happening in the Arts!

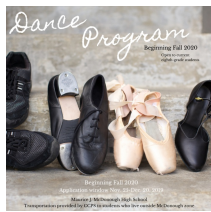
PERFORMING ARTS {top}

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 eighth 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](#).

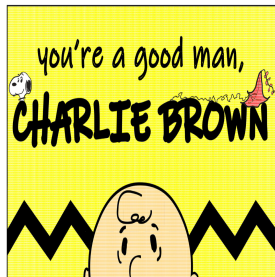
Port Tobacco Players

Auditions: You're a Good Man Charlie Brown

Saturday, November 30, 9:00 am

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 pm, Call Backs, if Necessary

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Auditions are open to performers 15 years of age and up, and will include a singing a prepared song and cold readings from the script. Come prepared with 16 to 32 bars of a musical theater selection, dressed ready to move/dance, and prepared to list any conflicts during the rehearsal process. Scheduled performance dates are Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, March 13 to April 5, 2020. For more information, call 240-346-6448.

The Newtowne Players

A Seussified Christmas Carol

November 29 - December 15

Fridays, 8:00 pm

Saturdays, 3:30 and 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students; \$10

Children

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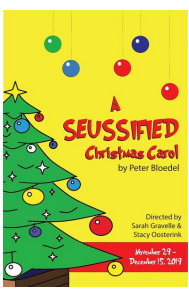
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Charles County Public Library
the artScape

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



This is a whimsical reinvention of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with, if he ever had his way with the story. For more information, call 301-737-5447.

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Jay Armsworthy and the Sons of the American Legion Bluegrass Concert Series

The Larry Stephenson Band

Sunday, December 1, 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



Larry Stephenson hails from Nashville, Tennessee and always a "Fan Favorite" in Southern, Maryland. For more information, go to www.americanlegionbluegrass.com.

College of Southern Maryland

CSM Chorale and Chamber Choir with Southern Mix

Barbershop Chorus

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)

Thursday, December 5, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School

Age and Below



Enjoy the variety of chorale, chamber, and barbershop selections by CSM students and community members. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Music Student Honors Recitals

Friday, December 6, 3:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public



Each semester, CSM's private studio teachers recommend their most accomplished students for performance in this recital to celebrate their individual musical accomplishments. The recital features a diversity of musical styles for piano, guitar, voice, or other instruments. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

St. Charles High School

Clue: On Stage (High School Edition)

Friday, December 6, 7:00 pm

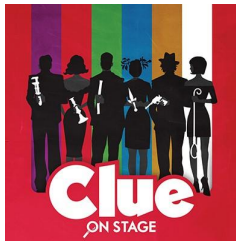
Saturday, December 7, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 pm

5305 Piney Church Road, Waldorf

Tickets: \$8 General Admission; \$5 Military, Seniors, Students;

CCPS Badges are Honored, 1 ticket per Badge



What dinner party on a dark and stormy night isn't made better with a murder mystery to solve? Based on the 1985 cult classic movie, "Clue," the whodunit will have audiences guessing up until the end. For more information, send an email to kcuyler@ccboe.com or visit their [website](#).

Indian Head Black Box Theatre

Farndale Avenue: A Christmas Carol

Friday and Saturday, December 6 - 14, 8:00

pm

Sunday, December 8 and 15, 3:00 pm

4185 Indian Head Highway, Indian Head

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

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



The Indian Head Black Box Players are proud to present this fun holiday romp as the audience follows the Farndale Avenue Estate Townswomen in their attempt to put on *A Christmas Carol*. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Friends of Chapman State Park

Christmas at Mount Aventine

Saturday - Sunday, December 7 - 8, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chapman State Park

3452 Ferry Place, Indian Head



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Enjoy a day of beautiful holiday decorations, live music, gift shop, crafts, and more. For additional information, go to friendsofchapmansp.org.

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Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra and Choir

Festival of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 8, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Sea Church

225 Alexander Lane, Solomons

Free and Open to the Public



Celebrate the holiday season with the prep strings orchestra and all the singers of the SMYOC. Join us for a festive evening of song, poetry, and holiday tunes. Special guests will include Michael Brown, Fr. Ken Gill, Professor Emek Kose, Siheme Sebaa, Rev. Brian Vander Wel, and others. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Chesapeake Choral Arts Society

Winter Melodies Old and New

Thursday, December 12, 7:30 pm, Concert Only

Saturday, December 14, 6:30 pm, Concert and 3-Course Meal

Sunday, December 15, 3:30 pm, Concert and Dessert



Peace Lutheran Church, 11610 Rubina Place, Waldorf

Tickets: Thursday, Free Admission, Donations Accepted

Saturday: \$40 Adults; \$35 Military, Seniors, Students

Sunday: \$15 Adults; \$12 Military, Seniors, Students



Join the Chesapeake Choral Arts Society for their annual Renaissance Dinner and Concert. They will be singing many traditional and uplifting Christmas favorites. The featured work for the concert is *Shout for Joy - A Suite of Christmas Spirituals*. For more information, call 301-642-0594 or visit their [website](#).

Children's Voice of Southern Maryland

Celebrate Christmas Concert

Friday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Church of Latter Day Saints

4560 Padgett Road, White Plains

Free and Open to the Public



Enjoy traditional carols and other holiday favorites with CVSM and their three levels of choirs. For more information, visit [here](#).

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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

Winter Dance Performance

Friday, December 13, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School Age and Below



Whether it's a Balanchine ballet, or breaking, locking, and popping, CSM's Dance Ensemble performs a variety of pieces to appeal to all lovers of dance. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

The Flute Choir of Southern Maryland

Music of the Season

Saturday, December 14, 3:00 pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

4535 Piney Church Road, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public



The Flute Choir's performance will include new sparkling arrangements of seasonal favorites: Nutcracker, Carols, Hansel and Gretel, and more. For more information, send an email to ljsnell@comcast.net.

College of Southern Maryland

Jazz and Latin Ensemble Concert

Saturday, December 14, 8:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center Theatre

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults; \$8 Military, Seniors, Youth of High School Age and Below

Buy Tickets Now!



Solid Brass Jazz Ensemble and Ritmo Caché Latin Ensemble, join together for their winter concert. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-934-7828.

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 call 410-767-6555.

VISUAL ARTS {top}

Korean American Cultural Arts Foundation

Master Artist Exhibit: Jeong Hee Lee

Exhibit: December 11 - December 18

Artist Reception: Wednesday, December 11, 5:30 pm

Waldorf West Library

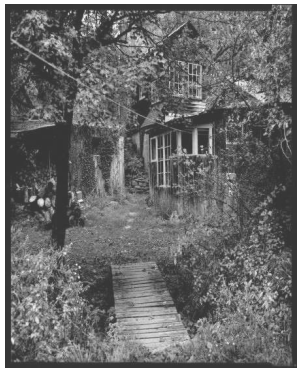
10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



The KACAF is presenting a special collection of art by the Korean master embroidery artist in Waldorf West's upstairs meeting rooms. See how Jeong Hee Lee has interpreted the splendid royal embroidery works of the Joseon dynasty (1392-1897) and reproduced works with a modern sense. Light Korean refreshments will be served during the reception. For more information, call 301-645-1395.

College of Southern Maryland
Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery
Lisa Elmaleh: the Lightness and the Dark

Now through December 12
Fine Arts Center (FA Building), 8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata
Gallery Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday
10:00 am - 6:00 pm



In 2014, artist Lisa Elmaleh moved to the rural outskirts of Paw Paw, West Virginia, a town with a population of a little over 500. She moved to a cabin with no running water, and found herself, in a Thoreauvian sense, learning how to live more deliberately. The exhibit documents her life in Paw Paw, with photographs of the people who are present in her life, the land, and life and decay as she found it, using an 8x10 camera. For more information, call 301-934-7828 or visit the gallery's [website](#).

Mattawoman Creek Art Center
Holiday Market and Small Works Exhibitions

Now through December 15
Sunday, November 24, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, Cookies and Tea
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

 *Mattawoman Creek Art Center* 

Holiday Shows:

<p><u>In the Main Gallery:</u> Holiday Market Arts and Crafts Fair Nov. 2 - Dec. 15</p> <p>Reception: Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-4</p> <p>Cookies & Tea: Sunday, Nov. 24, 1-4</p> <p>Holiday Trail: Dec. 7-8, 11-4</p>		<p><u>In the Back Gallery:</u> Art in Retrospect by MCAC's founding member artists ('91-'95) Nov. 2 - Nov. 17</p> <p>Middle School Art by students of the Charles Co. Public Middle Schools Nov. 22 - Dec. 15 Reception TBD</p>
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Holiday Quilt by Janice McConnell

This show features an arts and craft fair, work by artists from the first five years of MCAC (1991 - 1995), and art by Charles County Middle School students. Visit www.mattawomanart.org for additional details.

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 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}

Charles County Public Library

National Novel Writing Month

Now through November 30

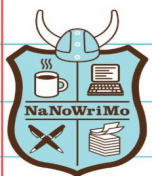
Come Write In

Thursday, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Saturday, November 30, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

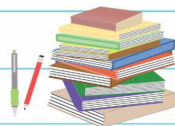
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National Novel Writing Month

November 1 - 30



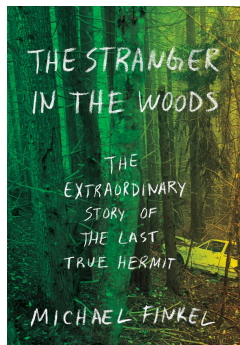
November is National Novel Writing Month - NaNoWriMo! From November 1, participants will begin working toward the goal of writing a 50,000-word novel by 11:59pm on November 30. All are invited to help CCPL reach a collaborative goal of 100,000 words by submitting your progress [HERE](#) on the CCPL website, and be entered in a drawing to win an Amazon gift card! For more information on all NaNoWriMo events, visit the CCPLS [website](#).

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, December 5, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The 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.

College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Series

Fall 2019 "Connections" Literary Magazine Publication

Reading

Friday, December 6, 7:30 pm

Center for Business and Industry (BI Building), Room 103

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata



The *Connections Literary Magazine* is a regional literary journal published twice a year and features poems, stories, artwork, and photography. Contributors to the Fall 2019 edition will read and discuss their published works. For more information, visit their [website](#).

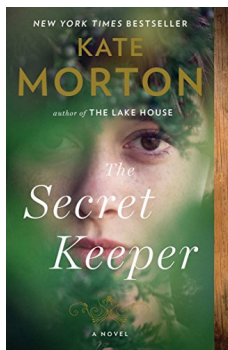
Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, December 7, 9:30 am - 10:30 am

P.D. Brown Library

50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



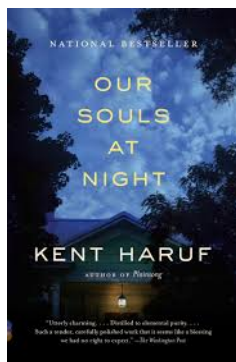
***The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton.** During a picnic at her family's farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Laurel Nicolson witnesses a shocking crime, a crime that challenges everything she knows about her adored mother, Dorothy. Now, fifty years later, Laurel and her sisters are meeting at the farm to celebrate Dorothy's ninetieth birthday. Realizing that this is her last chance to discover the truth about that long-ago day, Laurel searches for answers that can only be found in Dorothy's past.

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



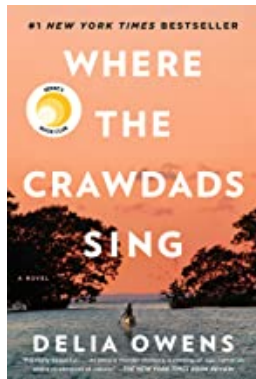
***Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf.** Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades. His daughter lives hours away, her son even farther, and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in empty houses, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. As Addie and Louis come to know each other better, a beautiful story of second chances unfolds.

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, December 18, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



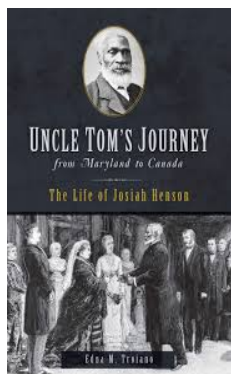
***Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.** For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Waldorf Jaycee Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 18, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



Uncle Tom's Journey by Edna Troiano. Edna M. Troiano recounts the life of Maryland's Josiah Henson and explores the sites devoted to his memory. Josiah was born into slavery in La Plata, Maryland, and auctioned off as a child to pay his owner's debt. Later in life, he escaped to Canada with his wife and children, established a settlement and school for fugitives, and repeatedly returned to the United States to help lead others to freedom along the Underground Railroad. He also published a bestselling autobiography and became a popular preacher, lecturer, and international celebrity. Henson is immortalized as the inspiration for the title character in Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin.

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.

COMMUNITY - HERITAGE - CULTURAL ARTS {top}

Charles County Holiday Trail

Saturday - Sunday, December 7 - 8

Click [HERE](#) for the Complete list of Events, Locations, and Times



Get into the holiday spirit while visiting county landmarks! There are 14 different venues participating in this event and more seasonal activities for all

to enjoy. Admission dates, times, and costs vary for each location. For more information visit [here](#).

Town of La Plata

Olde Tyme Holiday Gathering

Sunday, December 8, 3:00 - 6:00 pm

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata



Celebrate the season with music, children's activities, refreshments, horse-drawn carriage rides by Suttler Post Farm, and visit from Santa. New this year is a 26 ft Christmas tree at Town Hall. For more information visit [here](#).

Maryland State Arts Council

Call for Editors - Teaching Artist Roster Policies

Submission Deadline: December 13

Click [HERE](#) to be Considered



The staff of the Maryland State Arts Council is continuing revisions of MSAC grants programs and need editors from across the state. Editors receive \$300.00 (plus travel costs) for the entire process including two in-person meetings and two at-home, electronic editing assignments. A Gmail account is necessary to participate. Editors must be a resident of the state of Maryland. For more information and a full description, [here](#).

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

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 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, 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.

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 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.