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January 9, 2020

Serving the Community for 32 Years

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.

You Are Invited!
Charlotte Hall Veterans Home
"Meet the Artists" Public Reception



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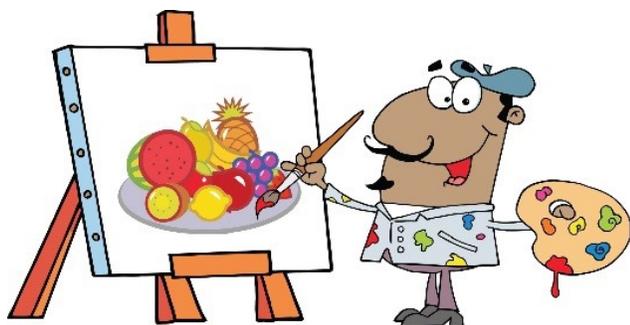
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Saturday, January 25, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
29449 Charlotte Hall Road, Charlotte Hall
Light Refreshments Will be Served

The public is invited to meet artists from the current show while viewing their works on display. The Gallery is located along the E-Wing Assisted Living Dining Hallway. For more information, contact Angela Quade at 240-577-7003 or VeteransHomeArt@charhall.org.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts

Maryland Arts Day 2020

Thursday, February 13, 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: \$25 per Person

Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 31

REGISTER NOW!



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. Visual artist [Joyce Scott](#) is this year's Keynote Speaker. 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 mdarts.org/events/maryland-arts-day-2020 or call 410-467-6700.

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

PERFORMING ARTS {top}

Charles County Public Library

Jazz Guitar with the Abe Ovadia Duo

Friday, January 10, 5:00

Potomac Branch

3225 Ruth B. Swann Drive, Indian Head

Friday, January 10, 7:30 pm

La Plata Branch

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

Free and Open to the Public

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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

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Jazz phenom, Abe Ovadia, will be delivering an exciting event of world class jazz. The recipient of the Best Guitarist of 2016 Award from *Hot House Jazz Magazine*, Abe is described as one of the most innovative guitarists of our time. For more information, visit the CCPL [website](#).



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Charles County Youth Orchestra
First Annual Concerto Competition

Saturday, January 11, 3:00 pm
Christ Church
112 Charles Street, La Plata
Free and Open to the Public



Sponsored by the Rotary Club of La Plata, the competition will be a recital with a distinguished panel of three judges. In addition to monetary awards, the judges will determine the soloist for the CCYO

spring concert on May 17, 2020. A reception will be held. For more information, visit their [website](#).



**Charles County Youth Orchestra with Encore Band,
Encore Strings and Prelude Strings**

Winter Concert
Sunday, January 12, 3:30 pm
Thomas Stone High School
3785 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf



The Winter Concert will include the *Egmont Overture* by Beethoven and the *Italian Symphony* by Mendelssohn as well as popular works for strings and band. In celebration of Beethoven's 250th birthday in 2020, CCYO will present a work by this beloved musical giant in each concert this year. For more information visit their [website](#).



Port Tobacco Players
Move Over Mrs. Markham

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.



Community Bank
of the Chesapeake®

Charles County Youth Orchestra with Encore Band, Encore Strings and Prelude Strings

Mid-Season Auditions

Saturday, January 18, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Neighborhood Creative Arts Center

106 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata



The Charles County Youth Orchestra is one of the largest youth organizations in Southern Maryland providing music education and performance opportunities for talented young musicians in Charles County, Prince Georges

County, St. Mary's County and Calvert County. For more information visit their [website](#), or contact Osman Kivrak at 301-375-7109.

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Port Tobacco Players

Auditions: Dearly Beloved

Saturday, 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.



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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>.

The Newtowne Players

Auditions: A Night On Broadway

Wednesday and Thursday, January 22 - 23 7:00 pm

Three Notch Theatre Lobby

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park



A Night on Broadway is The Newtowne Players' take on a Broadway cabaret, featuring musical theater selections with a mix of solos, duets, and group numbers. The performance dates are May 8 -17. There will be a vocal and dance portion of the audition. Come prepared with 32 bars of a Broadway style song, bring sheet music, and dress comfortably for the dance part. For more information, send an email to auditions@newtowneplayers.org or call 240-237-3463.

College of Southern Maryland

Auditions for Twelfth Night

Friday, January 24, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

The play is a hilarious classic tale of love, confusion, mistaken identities, and joyful discovery. Prepare a one-minute Shakespearean monologue. Performance dates are April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26, 2020. For more information, visit their [website](http://www.newtowneplayers.org).

The Newtowne Players

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Haven't Joined Us?

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

January 31 - February 16

Thursdays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

Three Notch Theatre

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

Tickets: \$18 Adults; \$15 Military/Seniors/Students; \$13 Children

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



This celebration of the mating game takes on the truths and myths behind that contemporary conundrum known as "the relationship." From dating and waiting to love and marriage, the show takes us through the agonies and triumphs of in-laws, newborns, family trips, and pick-up techniques of the geriatric set. This hilarious revue pays tribute to those who have loved and lost, to those who have fallen on their face at the portal of romance, to those who have dared to ask, "Say, what are you doing Saturday night?" For more information, call 301-737-5447.

Port Tobacco Players

Cinderella

Saturday, February 8, 11:00 am and 3:00 pm

Sunday, February 9, 3:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata

Tickets: \$10 Adults, \$7 Children

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)



It's the classic you know and love, but with interactive twists! This version emphasizes audience participation and is a perfect production for families of all ages and sizes. The Fairy Godmother needs help from the audience because she is out of practice and not at all certain her magic is going

to work properly. For more information, contact the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

College of Southern Maryland

Ward Virts Concert Series

Takako Mato, Clarinet

Sunday February 9, 3:00 pm

Building B, Multipurpose Room 104

115 J.W. Williams Road, Prince Frederick

Free and Open to the Public



Mato is an active clarinet instructor and performer in Southern Maryland. She was previously principal clarinetist in the Pottstown, PA Symphony Orchestra. Mato is a certified music instructor through St. Mary's College of Maryland where she also studied the integration of technology in the music classroom. For more information, contact the CSM box office at 301-934-7828.

College of Southern Maryland

Benny C. Morgan Concert Series

Timothy Hudson, Trumpet

Why Not Join Us Now?

Click [here](#) to join or renew and pay with PayPal.

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

The *Newsflash* is published every Thursday. If you would like your event included, contact the CCAA office by email at info@charlescountyarts.org or phone 301-392-5900, no later than the Monday before your event.

The CCAA is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. All membership dues and donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

Saturday, February 15, 3:00 pm
Building A Auditorium, 22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown
Free Admission



Hudson is an award-winning trumpeter. He has performed across the world with conductors such as Lorin Maazel, Yoel Levi, and Enrique Batiz. He is the founding member and director of the Carolina Brass, and for the past 20 years, he has performed with pop and jazz artists such as Ray Charles, Tony Bennett, and Branford Marsalis. For more information, contact the CSM 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}

Mattawoman Creek Art Center

Seven-Up High School Exhibit

Exhibit: January 17 - February 9

Reception: Sunday, January 26, 1:00 - 4:00 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

 *Mattawoman Creek Art Center* 
Seven-Up High School Exhibit



January 17 -
February 9,
2020

Reception:
Sunday, Jan. 26
1:00 - 4:00

*A display of
artwork by
Charles County
Public School
High School
Art Students*

Punctured Ivory 2019 Prize Winning entry by Austin Workman

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**
Beverly Ress: Sic Transit Gloria Mundi

February 10 - March 19

Artist Lecture: February 11, 3:00 pm

Fine Arts Building

8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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



Beverly Ress has a deep background in sculpture, and a current focus on drawing. Her work is exhibited throughout the US and abroad. She has been drawing representationally for many years, and interested in the observation required for representational drawing. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-934-7828, or visit the [website](#).

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 Theresa Alo through April 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 April 17, 2020

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 23, 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 Josh Owen through April 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.

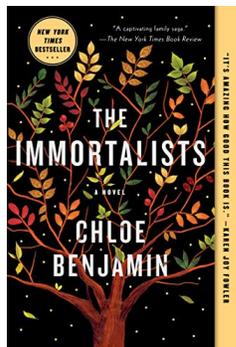
LITERARY ARTS [{top}](#)

La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, January 9, 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, 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.

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

Tickets: \$30



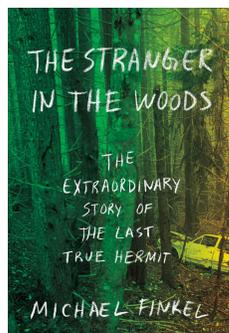
Come out and support Local Adult Spelling Bee Teams and have some old-fashioned fun! Admission includes food, water, sodas, entertainment, and cheering! For more information, call the CCLC office at 301-934-6488.

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.

Life Journeys Writers Guild

Nuts and Bolts Quarterly Gathering

Saturday, January 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and open to the public

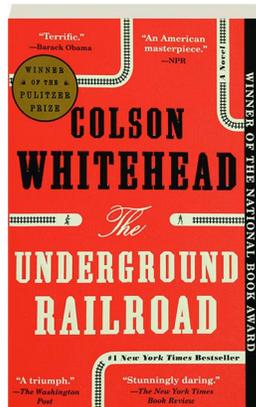


LJWG's next Nuts and Bolts is their season opener and marks their 13th Year!!! You can expect to hear great reads, join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. Members, bring your works to read. Visitors, come check them out, network and critique. For more information, visit their [website](#).

Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 22, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head



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.

Waldorf West Book Club

Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am

10450 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



Need to Know by Karen Cleveland. In this psychological thriller, a CIA analyst, Vivian Miller, makes a shocking discovery that causes her to question everything she believes. It will test her loyalty to the agency, and to her family. Vivian has vowed to defend her country against all enemies, foreign and domestic. However, she is now facing impossible choices. Torn between loyalty and betrayal, allegiance and treason, love and suspicion, she does not know whom to trust.

Maryland Writers' Association

[Notable Maryland Author for January: Grace Cavalieri](#)

Submit Entries to **[Fun With Words](#)**

Deadline to Submit: January 25



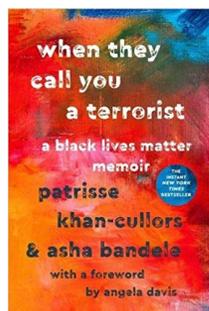
Maryland Writers' Association invites you to have fun writing poetry using just 100 words. Pick or make up a special occasion, venue opening, or dedication and write a poem in honor of the event. All entries will be published at www.mwawritersroundtable.org.

Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

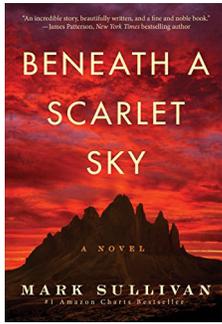
For more information, call 301-645-2864



When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele. This memoir by the co-founder of the Black Lives Matter movement, explains the movement's position of love, humanity, and justice, challenging perspectives that have negatively labeled the movement's activists while calling for essential political changes. It is described as a reflection on humanity, and an empowering account of survival, strength, and resilience.

Waldorf Adult Book Discussion

Saturday, February 1, 9:30 am - 10:30 am
P.D. Brown Library
50 Village Street, Waldorf
For more information, call 301-645-2864



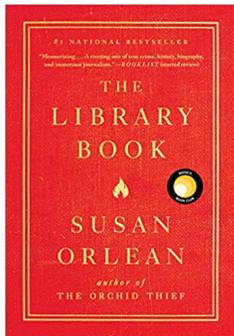
***Beneath a Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan.** Based on the true story, this historical fiction novel is a tale of one young man's courage and resilience during World War II. An Italian teenager, Pino, is sent to boarding school in the Alps to escape the bombing. Reaching the age to be drafted, his parents convince him to sign up for the German army, rather than be drafted into the Italian. Unbeknownst to them, he serves as a spy for the Allies.

Richard R. Clark Senior Center Book Discussion

Thursday, February 6, 1:00 pm

1210 Charles Street, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Library Book* by Susan Orlean.** On the morning of April 28, 1986, a fire alarm sounded in the Los Angeles Public Library. The fire was disastrous: it reached two thousand degrees and burned for more than seven hours. By the time it was extinguished, it had consumed four hundred thousand books and damaged seven hundred thousand more. Investigators descended on the scene, but more than thirty years later, the mystery remains: Did someone purposefully set fire to the library, and if so, who?

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 [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, 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.