


# Arts Newsflash

Charles County Arts Alliance

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March 12, 2020

**Serving the Community for 32 Years**

Charles County Arts Alliance  
Presents  
Poetry On Stage/Writers Unite



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Sunday, March 29, 2020, 1:00 - 5:00 pm

Doors Open at 12:30, Close at 1:00 pm

Old Waldorf School

3064 Crain Highway, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public, Pre-Registration Required

Click [HERE](#) to Pre-Register

The CCAA has partnered with Charles County Public Schools for its first county poetry competition - *Poetry On Stage*. High School students from La Plata, Lackey, North Point, St. Charles, and Westlake will present poetry, competing for crowd kudos and prizes.

Part 2 of the event, *Writers Unite*, is in partnership with Life Journeys Writers Guild and the Charles County Chapter of the Maryland Writers' Association. Local authors will share about writing and publishing from an author's panel. Attendees can meet local authors and ask plenty of questions about their books and writing styles during a book signing.

Arrive on time! Doors open at 12:30 and close at 1:00 pm for the poetry competition. The doors will reopen when all competitors have performed.

For more information, call the CCAA office at 301-392-5900.

The Charles County Arts Alliance 2020 Poetry on Stage Competition is not affiliated with the Maryland State Arts Council's Poetry Out Loud program or the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation.

## Charles County Arts Alliance ArtsFest 2020: Call for Vendors



Saturday, June 13, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Deadline: May 31**

La Plata Town Hall

305 Queen Anne Street, La Plata

Click [HERE](#) for Registration Forms

Exhibitors and food vendors are invited to register for the 28th annual ArtsFest. This is the largest arts festival in Charles County, and one of the largest in Southern Maryland.

For more information, contact the CCAA office at 301-392-5900 or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

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happening in the Arts!**

## PERFORMING ARTS {top}

**Southern Maryland Christian Academy**

*The Missionary of Oz*

Thursday, March 12, 4:30 pm

Friday, March 13, 6:30 pm

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 pm

9805 Faith Baptist Road, Waldorf (Chapel)

Pre-Sale: \$7 General; \$5 Students

At the Door: \$9 General; \$7 Students

Come and support the SMCA Drama Club as they perform *The Missionary of Oz*, a church adaptation of Frank Baum's classic story. In this version, Dorothy is a teenager in Kansas who is

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version, Dorothy is a teenager in Kansas who is uncertain about what she believes. She finds herself sent to a strange land, Oz, in a dream. On her journey, she encounters several familiar characters and ultimately finds her way out of uncertainty. For more information, call 301-870-2550.



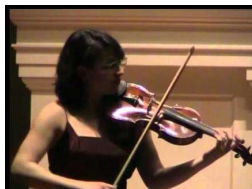
## College of southern Maryland

### *Benny C. Morgan Concert Series: Leah Finck, Violin*

Saturday, March 14, 3:00 pm

22950 Hollywood Road, Building A, Room 206, Leonardtown

Free and Open to the Public



Multi-talented violinist Leah Finck is the next featured musician in the concert series. She is a passionate performer, creator, and curator of contemporary classical music. For more information visit the CSM [website](#).



## *The Children's Hour*

Now through March 15

Fridays and Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:00 pm

La Plata Fine Arts Center

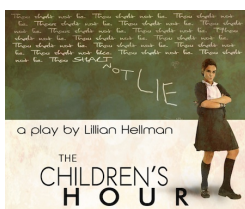
8730 Mitchell Road, La Plata

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

Due to adult themes and situations, this production may not be suitable for younger audiences



Charles County  
MARYLAND  
Legends, Lore and Room to Explore



A serious and adult play about two women who run a school for girls. After a malicious youngster starts a rumor about the two women, the rumor soon turns to scandal. As the young girl comes to understand the power she wields, she sticks by her story, which precipitates tragedy for the women. It is later discovered that the gossip was pure invention, but it is too late. For more information, visit the CSM [website](#).



## Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance

### March Contra Dance

Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm

Christ Church Parish Hall

37497 Zach Fowler Road, Chaptico

Admission: \$6 SMTMD Members; \$10 Non-Members; Free for Children 17



Come out to swing, promenade, and do-si-do to lively jigs at the SMTMD Contra dance. The Southern MD Open Band will be playing live acoustic string music, and caller Jason Little will teach and call the dances. A beginner's dance workshop (no partner required) starts at 7:00

**Bullock's Piano Salon**

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workshop (no partner required) starts at 7:00, and the dance begins at 7:30 pm. There will be an ice cream social during the intermission. Please bring a water bottle to the dance. For more information, visit the [website](#).



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### Port Tobacco Players

*Auditions: Legally Blonde, The Musical*

Dog Paw-ditions: Thursday, March 19, 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 am

Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 pm

Callbacks, If Necessary, Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm

508 Charles Street, La Plata



Dog actors must enjoy being around humans and not afraid of loud or quick noises. Human actors should come prepared with sheet music to sing 16-32 bars of a musical theater song (nothing from Legally Blonde). Cold readings will follow. Comfortable and appropriate attire recommended. For more information, contact Ann Marie Watson at [amwatson77@gmail.com](mailto:amwatson77@gmail.com).

### National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

*Academic Cultural Technological Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO)*

**Application Deadline: Friday, March 20**

Local Competition: Saturday, April 18, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

North Point High School

2500 Davis Road, Waldorf

Click [HERE](#) to Apply



High school students, parents, teachers, and community supporters are invited to attend the ACT-SO workshop to learn more about the Charles County ACT-SO Program. ACT-SO is open to all Charles County High School students, and provides a forum for students to develop and showcase their talents and skills for a chance to compete locally and nationally. Click [here](#) for the listed categories. The program is also seeking adult mentors, coaches, and volunteers. For more information, send an email to [actso.ccaacp@gmail.com](mailto:actso.ccaacp@gmail.com).



### The Newtowne Players

*Almost Maine*

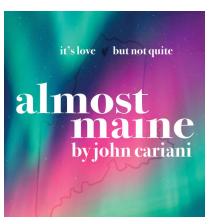
March 20 through April 5

Thursdays - Saturdays, 8:00 pm

Sundays, 3:30 pm

21744 South Coral Drive, Lexington Park

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



Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. And it's not quite a town, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it almost doesn't exist. One cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways.

March 20 - April 5

Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend-almost-in this delightful midwinter night's dream. For more information, call 301-737-544.

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## Cosmic Symphony and Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra

### Family Concert

Saturday, March 21, 4:00 pm  
Patuxent Presbyterian Church  
23421 Kingston Creek Road, California  
Free and Open the Public

Sunday, March 22, 3:00 pm  
Southern Senior High School  
4400 Solomons Island Road, Harwood  
Tickets: \$25 General; Free Ages 17 and Under



Cosmic Symphony and SMYOC's Youth Orchestra will perform side-by-side in their annual Family Concert. Selections will include Beethoven's *Coriolan Overture* and Mozart's *Piano Concerto no. 19*, and feature Young Artists' Competition winners. For more information, visit Cosmic Symphony's [website](#).

## Jay Armworthy & the Sons of the American Legion

### Bluegrass Concert Series

#### Sideline

Sunday, March 22, 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





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](mailto: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.

Sideline is a pedigreed six-piece powerhouse whose style has set the pace in Bluegrass for over two decades. Listening to them reminds the fan of why so many people fall in love with Bluegrass in the first place; pulse-pounding drive and songs sung from the heart. For more information, go to [www.americanlegionbluegrass.com](http://www.americanlegionbluegrass.com).

## Southern Maryland Traditional Music and Dance

### *Open Mic Night*

Friday, March 27, 7:30 pm, Doors Open at 7:00 pm

Christ Church Parish Hall

37497 Zack Fowler Road, Chaptico

Admission: \$7; Performers Admitted Free

Light Refreshments Will Be Available



Acoustic musicians of all skill levels are warmly welcomed to the SMTMD Open Mic. Come out for some great music and friendship, to hone your performance skills, meet new friends, and possibly learn a few new licks. For more information and to sign up to perform, contact Mike at [smtmdmike@gmail.com](mailto:smtmdmike@gmail.com) or visit their [website](#).

## Port Tobacco Players

### *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*

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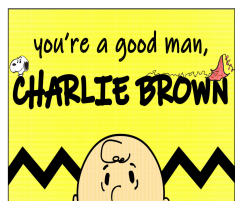
Now through April 5

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



Charles Schulz's beloved comic comes to life in this classic family-friendly musical. The whole gang is here: Lucy, Schroeder, Sally, Linus, Snoopy, and Charlie Brown, and all in rare form. Brief vignettes span the months from Valentine's Day to Beethoven Day, from wild optimism to utter despair. For more information, call the Box Office at 301-932-6819.

## Jay Armsworthy & the Sons of the American Legion

### Bluegrass Concert Series

#### *Seth Mulder and Midnight Run*

Sunday, April 5, 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





Originating in the Gateway of the Great Smoky Mountains, Seth Mulder and Midnight Run began its journey in February of 2015, at the Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery in Gatlinburg, Tennessee performing daily. Midnight Run is a high-energy, Tennessee-based bluegrass band made up of four like-minded musicians and graduates of college music programs. They set out to create a group that is tied to the rich traditions of bluegrass music and offer up a fresh approach to the "High Lonesome" sound. For more information, go to [www.americanlegionbluegrass.com](http://www.americanlegionbluegrass.com).

### Steam Onward

*[Call for Entries: Charles County Got Talent](#)*

**Registration Deadline: April 5, 2020**

Showcase: Saturday, May 2

Westlake High School

3300 Middletown Road, Waldorf



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](mailto:steamonward.org@gmail.com).

### Maryland State Arts Council

*Grant Opportunities*



Applications are now being accepted for three programs: [Artist in Residence](#), [Presenting and Touring](#), [Creativity Grants](#), [Public Art Across Maryland](#), and [Professional Development](#). Click on each grant type for guidelines. For more

information visit <https://www.msac.org/programs> or call 410.767.6555

## VISUAL ARTS {top}

### Community Bank of the Chesapeake *Call for Artists*



### Community Bank *of the Chesapeake*

Theme is "Artists Choice"  
Exhibit Dates: April 17 to August 18, 2020  
Click [HERE](#) for Submission Details  
**Deadline to Submit: March 27**

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, Waldorf, MD.

Artwork entries must be submitted electronically as digital images (jpegs) attached to an email sent to [artsalliancegalleries@gmail.com](mailto:artsalliancegalleries@gmail.com). Please reference "Community Bank Gallery" in the subject line.

For more information on the gallery, please contact Gale Kladitis at [gkladitis@comcast.net](mailto:gkladitis@comcast.net).

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### College of Southern Maryland

#### Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery

#### *Beverly Ress: Sic Transit Gloria Mundi*

Now through 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 major 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](#).

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### Mattawoman Creek Art Center

#### *The Art of Winter: Winter Open All-Media Show*

Exhibit: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Now through March 22

Gallery Hours: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, 11:00 am - 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 When Entering the Park

 *Mattawoman Creek Art Center* 

**2020 Winter Open All-Media Show**

February 21 - March 22, Reception on Sunday, Feb. 23, 1:00-4:00



*First Hunt*

*by Gene McCandless*

This exhibit features artwork in varying styles, forms, and media by regional artists. For more information, visit the MCAC [website](#).

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## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

### *Workshop: Beginning Scratchboard*

Saturday, April 4, Noon - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Janice Elliott

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; Inform the Park Ranger When Entering the Park

Fee: **\$55 If Paid by March 20; \$65 Regular**



Learn the art of scratchboard painting in Janice Elliott's four-hour workshop for adults. Instruction includes transferring images to the 5" x 7" board, indicating shapes and value changes, scratching the image into the surface, correction methods, and finishing. All materials will be

provided! To register, click [here](#), complete the registration form, and mail it with your registration fee to MCAC, PO Box 258, Marbury MD. For more information, visit their [website](#).

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## Southern Maryland Decorative Painters

### *Paint-In*

Saturday, March 28, 9:30 am

Immaculate Conception Church (Hall behind the Church)

28297 Old Village Road, Mechanicsville



Leslie Cates, will lead the Sharon Teal Coray project, "Secret Visitor." Guests are always welcome and should contact Garnett Joy at 301-884-2835 for the list of supplies. For more information, send an email to [smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com](mailto:smdp.LearnToPaint@gmail.com).

## Painting with Watercolors

Saturday, April 18, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Jung Smith

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; Inform the Park Ranger When Entering the Park

Fee: **\$55 if received before April 1; \$65 Regular**



Just starting out in watercolor: Need a refresher? Want to spruce up your skills for painting watercolor flowers? This watercolor workshop will help you find a focal point in your paintings. Bring a photograph that you would like to paint. Painting with watercolor is a very easy and relaxing art; you don't really need to know any difficult techniques to do it. So, bring your basic watercolor supplies, a photograph, and join in the fun. *This class is open to all skill levels. Bring your lunch.* Visit

<https://www.mattawomanart.org/copy-of-classes> for more information.

## Humane Society of Charles County

### "Kindness Matters" 2020 Poster Contest

**Deadline to submit: April 20**

## Humane Society of Charles County

### 2020 Poster Contest

In Celebration of "Be Kind To Animals Week"

The Humane Society of Charles County invites CCAA Members to submit a poster that demonstrates the theme "Kindness Matters".

### Entries must be received by

APRIL 20, 2020

Prizes and certificates will be awarded at our Awards Ceremony on May 30, 2020

For Rules, Regulations and More Information go to <https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-contest>



HUMANE SOCIETY  
OF CHARLES COUNTY

In celebration of "Be Kind to Animals" Week, the Humane Society of Charles County invites members of the community to submit a poster that demonstrates the theme "Kindness Matters." Entries must be received by April 20, 2020. Winners will be notified by May 23, 2020; prizes and certificates will be awarded at our Awards Ceremony on May 30 at the Waldorf West Library. For rules, regulations, and more information, go to [https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-](https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-contest)

[contest](https://humanesocietycc.org/poster-contest)

## Mattawoman Creek Art Center

### 26th Annual All-Media Juried Exhibition

#### Entries may be delivered:

Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, or

Sunday, April 26, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Juried Gallery Opens: May 1 - 31, 2020

Reception: May 3, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Smallwood State Park, 5565 Upham Place, Marbury

Admission is Free for MCAC Visitors; Inform the Park Ranger When Entering

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Mattawoman Creek Art Center is accepting entries from all mediums for their 26th Annual Juried Exhibition. Awards totaling \$1,000 will be made by the juror. Fees for entry are non-refundable. For more information, click [here](#)

## 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](mailto:nancypaints@verizon.net).

## HERE'S WHAT IS HANGING NOW!



## CCAA-SUPPORTED ART GALLERY

### Charlotte Hall Veterans Home

**Multi-Artist Show through July, 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 Arnold Hurley, through April 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

For more information about the Galleries, contact the CCAA Office at 301-392-5900, or [info@charlescountyarts.org](mailto:info@charlescountyarts.org).

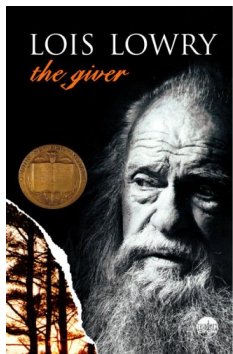
## LITERARY ARTS {top}

### La Plata Library Book Discussion

Thursday, March 12, 7:00 pm

2 Garrett Avenue, La Plata

For more information, call 301-934-9001



***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**. Jonas's world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. Jonas lives in a seemingly ideal world. When Jonas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver does Jonas begin to understand the dark secrets behind this fragile community. Now, it is time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.

### College of Southern Maryland Connections Literary Readings

#### *Jake Shore, Playwright*

Friday, March 13, Round Table: 4:00 pm, Reading: 7:30 pm

Building A, Auditorium

22950 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown

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



Jake Shore is an award-winning playwright whose play *Holy Moly* premiered at the Flea Theater in 2016 and was simultaneously released with its tandem novel, *A Country for Fibbing*. His play *Down the Mountain and Across the Stream* won the Overall Excellence in Play Writing Award at the 2013 New York International Fringe Festival. He has also published a host of short stories. For more information and advance tickets, call the CSM box office at 301-934-7828 or visit the CSM [website](#).

### Saturday Book Discussion

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

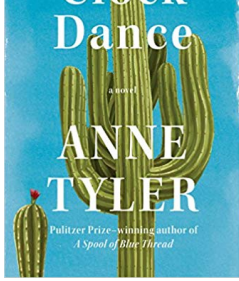
Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-1395



***Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler**. Willa Drake can count on one hand the defining moments of her life. In 1967, she



one hand the defining moments of her life. In 1957, she is a schoolgirl coping with her mother's sudden disappearance. In 1977, she is a college coed considering a marriage proposal. In 1997, she is a young widow trying to piece her life back together. And in 2017, she yearns to be a grandmother but isn't sure she ever will be. Then, one day, Willa receives a startling phone call from a stranger. Without fully understanding why, she flies across the country to Baltimore to look after a young woman she's never met, her nine-year-old daughter, and their dog, Airplane. This

impulsive decision will lead Willa into uncharted territory--surrounded by eccentric neighbors who treat each other like family, she finds solace and fulfillment in unexpected places.

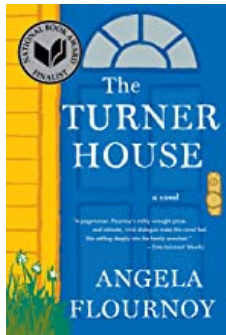
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## Waldorf Jaycee Center Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 18, 1:00 pm

Jaycees Center, 3090 Crain Highway, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



**The Turner House by Angela Flournoy.** *The Turner House* follows Francis and Viola Turner as they find their way out of the poverty of sharecropping in Arkansas to Detroit, where they eventually raise a family of thirteen children. In Detroit, most of the children were raised in a house on Yarrow Street - a house with more room than anywhere they'd ever lived before and that gave them hope for the future.

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## Life Journeys Writers Guild

### *Nuts and Bolts Gathering*

Saturday, March 21, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public



Come to the LJWC's next Nuts and Bolts Gathering and expect to hear great reads, to join in the rich dialogue and critiques, while networking and learning industry info. And there's always more. Members, bring your works to read. Visitors, come check them out, network, and critique. For more information, visit their [website](#).

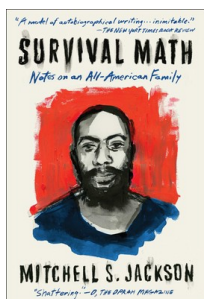
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## Writers of Color Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

PD Brown Branch, 50 Village Street, Waldorf

For more information, call 301-645-2864



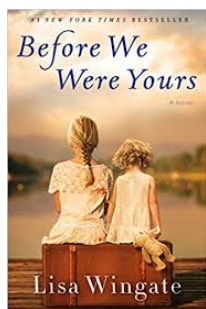
**Survival Math: Notes on an American Family by Mitchell S. Jackson.** *Survival Math* is a non-fiction book that explores gangs and guns, near-death experiences, sex work, the destructive power of addiction, and more, all framed within the story of the author, his family, and his community. Mitchell Jackson shows us his youth in Portland, Oregon with a mix of humor, wide interrogation, and indelible tragedy.

## Indian Head Senior Center Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, March 25, 11:00 am

100 Cornwallis Square, Indian Head

For more information, call 301-375-7375



**Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate. In Memphis, 1939, twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shanty boat. One stormy night their father must rush their mother to the hospital and Rill is left in charge, until strangers arrive in force. The Foss children are wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage. Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals, where poor children were kidnapped and sold to wealthy families all over the country.

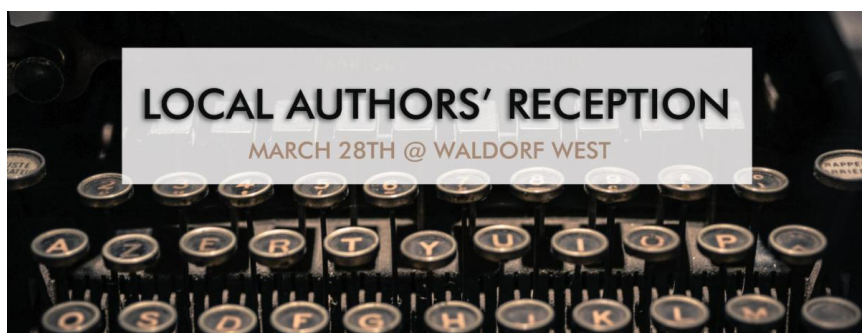
## Charles County Public Library

### *Local Authors' Reception*

Saturday, March 28, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Waldorf West Library

10405 O'Donnell Place, Waldorf



Meet and greet local authors to hear about their stories and have the opportunity to purchase their works. For more information, visit the CCPL [website](#).

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## Phoenix International School of the Arts

### *Dream Academy: Performing Arts*

Saturday, March 14, 8:15 am - 4:00 pm

Location to be Announced, Waldorf

Free and Open to the Public

**REGISTER NOW!**



Dream Academy is a series of Saturday camps for Charles County youth, ages 9 - 11. This first installment explores the Performing Arts. For more information, send an email to Angelica Jackson at [AJacksonService@gmail.com](mailto:AJacksonService@gmail.com).

## Maryland Citizens for the Arts

### *MD Arts Summit 2020*

Sunday, June 14 through Monday, June 15

University of Maryland at Baltimore County

1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore



The Maryland Arts Summit is the first of its kind for the arts sector in Maryland, highlighting the work that is being done through our communities. Dialogue, learning and networking opportunities will focus on the growth of Maryland arts. For questions about the Summit, please send an email to [info@mdarts.org](mailto:info@mdarts.org) or call MCA at (410) 467-6700.

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## Maryland State Arts Council

### *Upcoming Opportunities*



### *Call for Stories Featuring Women in the Arts*

**Deadline: Ongoing**

Send Your Ideas [HERE](#)

The MSAC is seeking stories about women in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Year of the Woman" in the subject line. For more information visit [here](#).

### *Call for Stories Featuring Entrepreneurship in the Arts*

**Deadline: Ongoing**

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The MSAC is seeking stories about entrepreneurship in the arts and making efforts to highlight these stories throughout the year. When sending your ideas, include "Entrepreneurship in the Arts" in the subject line. For more information visit [here](#).

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## 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](#).

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

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### 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](http://hoopladigital.com).

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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.