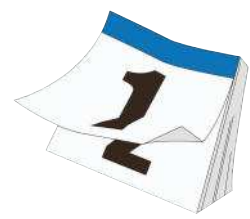


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Calendar of events

A LOOK AT THE WEEK AHEAD

Send calendar events (at least two weeks in advance, if possible) to Community, 4475 Regency Place, Suite 301, White Plains, MD 20695. Email items to community@somdnews.com. Include a contact phone number or email on all submissions.

Ongoing

Platinum Senior Care Assisted Living, LLC will host Reminiscing Cafe 6-9 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and 8-11 a.m. Saturdays-Sundays at the facility, 4018 Blackbird Court, Waldorf. For seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's to relax and enjoy themselves. For information, call 301-638-3194.

Vconnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays at Chick-fil-A, 107 Drury Drive, La Plata. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Pomfret Way-of-Life Al-Anon Family Group and Alateen will meet 8 p.m. Tuesdays at St. Joseph Church, 4950 Saint Joseph Way, Pomfret. For information, go to www.marylanddc-alanon.org or call 1-800-425-2666.

Vconnections will host Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at Burger King, 30004 Three Notch Road, Charlotte Hall. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service will offer free foreclosure legal advice the first Wednesday of each month at Charles County Public Law Library, 200 Charles St., La Plata. These are one-on-one online sessions with an experienced attorney. The library is located in the basement of the Circuit Court for Charles County; entrance to the building is on Washington Ave. For more information or to make an appointment, call the Law Library at 301-932-3322.

Kiwanis of Waldorf meets Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 a.m. at Comfort Suites, 11765 Business Park Drive, Waldorf. For information, contact Carol Cox, 301-758-3082 or carol.cox@gmail.com.

Vconnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Chick-fil-A, 3365 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Vconnections will hold Veterans Coffee Break 9-10:30 a.m. Thursdays at Chick-fil-A, 16003 Crain Highway, Brandywine. For information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Charles County Professional Civitan Club will meet 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays at Golden Corral, 2800 Crain Highway, Waldorf. For information, contact George Hawley, 240-367-6489 or planit4ueventplanning@gmail.com.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, NARFE, Indian Head Chapter 126 will meet at noon the first Thursday of each month at Mama Stella's Pasta House Restaurant, 7075 Indian Head Highway, Bryans Road. Different topics and programs offered each month by guest speakers. For information, contact Joan Wright, 301-246-4112 or jkw1108@verizon.net.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 82 will hold bingo on Thursdays at Harry White Wilmer American Legion Post 82, 6330 Crain Highway, La Plata. Early birds begin 7 p.m. Doors open 6 p.m. For information, call 301-934-8221.

American Legion Post 293 will hold steak and cheese sandwich night 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the post, 2310 Old Washington Road, Waldorf. A la carte menu. Call 301-645-6331.

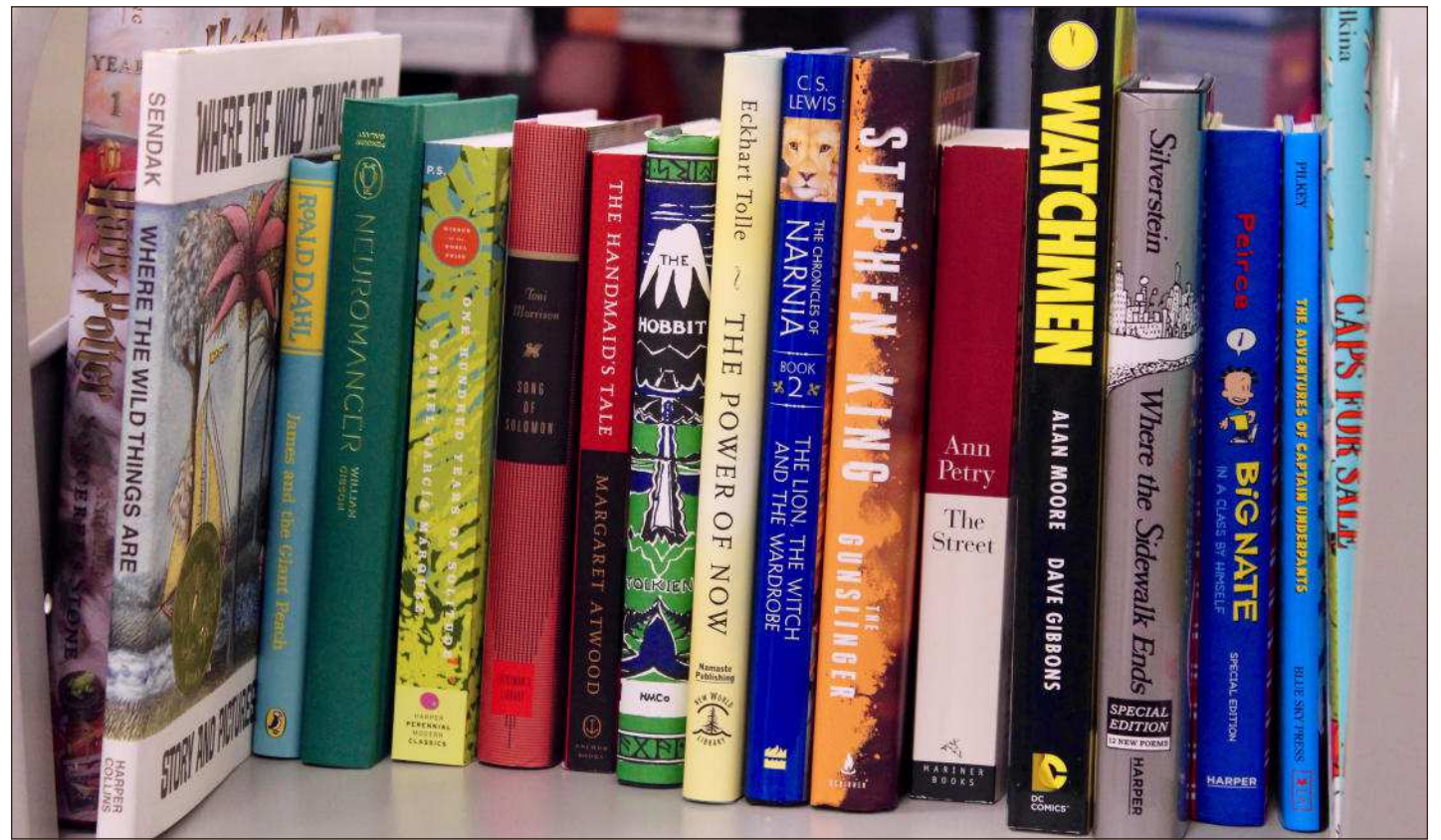
Vconnections will assist senior and elderly veterans and families 2-4 p.m. every Thursday at Clark Senior Center, 1210 Charles St., La Plata. By appointment only. Event held in collaboration with Charles County Department of Aging. For more information, go to www.vconnections.org.

Hope Cancer Support and Prayer Group will meet 7 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at South Potomac Church, 4915 Crain Highway, White Plains. For information, contact Angela Dion at angeladionwriter@gmail.com, or call 301-645-9427.

Southern Maryland Brain Injury Support Group will meet 6-7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Spring Dell Center, 6040 Radio Station Road, La

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Library ushers in new, beloved titles with Adopt-a-Book program



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Charles County Library's new Adopt-a-Book program features 23 books that will be new additions to the system.

'Sneak peek' reception to reveal adoptable titles tomorrow

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Adoptions aren't just important for people and animals. Charles County Public Libraries hopes the community will "adopt" books so that a number of popular titles will be added to its collection and made available for years to come.

"I look at it as an opportunity for the community to really engage with our collection," Pete Petruski, acquisitions supervisor for the library system, said of the program. "To me, public libraries are really owned by their community members, so not only are we always trying to build a collection that engages them, that interests them, that connects them to endless possibilities, we also want to give them more of a direct role, an opportunity to engage with the collection."

The Adopt-a-Book Program will provide funding to support the growth of the library's collection and preserve it for future generations, according to Tisha Tyler, marketing and development manager for the library system. After a book has been "adopted," it will be added to the library's collection and accessible to the community. It's a way for groundbreaking and popular stories like, "The Handmaid's Tale," "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," or "1984," to join the library's selection.

As the initial launch of a program of this kind at Charles County Library, the novelty inspired the theme for the 23 books included in the adoption's selection.

"The books we selected for adoption were all the first to do something," Petruski said, either by being the first book in a well-known series or the first book to garner its author notable recognition. Each month's new collection will fit another theme, such as scary stories for October and books that honor black history for February.

"We've got a lot of ideas for future themes percolating," Petruski said.

Each adoption costs \$25 which helps pay for the book itself and helps the library "meet our mission of connecting the community to those endless possibili-



Pete Petruski, acquisitions supervisor for Charles County Public Library, flips through an illustrated version of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone that will be available through the Adopt-a-Book program.

ties," Petruski said.

In addition to being recognized for bringing the book to the library via a bookplate on the inside of the book, the adoptee will have the option of dedicating the book to someone in memoriam, for an anniversary, birthday or special occasion.

"To me, it's about books that mean something to people," Petruski said. "There were books I remember from my childhood like "Caps for Sale," and "Where the Wild Things Are" that meant so much to me and I hadn't thought about [them] in so long, we wanted to have that opportunity not only for people to adopt in their own name books that meant something to themselves but also if it meant something to someone else."

Petruski said he aimed to select books that would appeal to a range of tastes.

"What we tried to do with this first collection of adoptable books is we're really trying to pick out books that would speak to many different people in our community," Petruski said. "Charles County is a very diverse community. We tried to have something for everyone."

Books up for adoption will be on display during a sneak peek reception held at the Waldorf West library, 10405 O'Donnell Place Waldorf, on Saturday, Sept. 23 at noon.

Tyler said she hopes the event will inspire book lovers to get involved with their neighborhood library.

"It's a perfect opportunity for the community to

Adopt-a-Book selection

The following list are the books available for adoption from the Charles County Public Library this month. The list can also be viewed at www.ccplonline.org/adopt tomorrow morning.

- "1984," by George Orwell — First use of Newspeak and the phrase "Big Brother is Watching."
- "Beezus and Ramona," by Beverly Cleary — First Ramona Quimby book.
- "The Essential Calvin and Hobbes," by Bill Watterson — First collection of the comic strip starring the rebellious young boy and his pet tiger.
- "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," by Jeff Kinney — First in the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series.
- "Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not so Fabulous Life," by Rachel Ren Russell — First in the Dork Diaries series.
- "A Game of Thrones," by George R.R. Martin — First book in the Song of Ice and Fire series.
- "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," by J.K. Rowling — First Harry Potter book, a newly illustrated version.
- "James and the Giant Peach," by Roald Dahl — First children's book by Roald Dahl.
- "Neuromancer," by William Gibson — First book to win the Nebula, Hugo and Philip K Dick Awards in the same year.
- "One Hundred Years of Solitude," by Gabriel Garcia Marquez — "The first piece of literature since the Book of Genesis that should be required reading for the entire human race," William Kennedy.
- "Song of Solomon," by Toni Morrison — Written by the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," by C.S. Lewis — First book published in the Chronicles of Narnia series.
- "The Gunslinger," by Stephen King — First book in the Dark Tower series.
- "The Handmaid's Tale," by Margaret Atwood — Winner of the first Arthur C. Clarke Award.
- "The Hobbit," by J.R.R. Tolkien — First book set in Middle Earth.
- "The Power of Now," by Eckhart Tolle — First book by Eckhart Tolle.
- "The Street," by Ann Petry — First book written by an African American woman to sell one million copies.
- "Watchmen," by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons — The first graphic novel to be on Time's 100 Best Novels list.
- "Where the Sidewalk Ends," by Shel Silverstein — First book of poetry by Shel Silverstein.
- "Where the Wild Things Are," by Maurice Sendak — #1 on the first School Library Journal Top Picture Books list.
- "Caps for Sale," by Esphyr Slobodkina — Winner of the First Lewis Carroll Shelf Award.
- "Big Nate in a Class by Himself," by Lincoln Pierce — First Big Nate book.
- "Adventures of Captain Underpants," by Dav Pilkey — First book in the Captain Underpants series.

engage with our collection and be a strong supporter of our collection," Tyler said. "Each book is unique for their own reason. The adoptee will be forever

cemented with their book because it was adopted by them. They can say 'I'm a part of this. I helped make this library.'"

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