

# Charles County Public Library Presents Latinx Art Panel And Showcase

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**WALDORF, Md.** – The Charles County Public Library (CCPL) invites the community to join us for a vibrant afternoon of art, culture, and conversation at the Latinx Art Panel and Showcase on Saturday, September 27, from 2-4 PM at the Waldorf West branch.

This special program highlights the powerful work of Maryland-based Latinx artists, each bringing their unique cultural perspectives and creative voices to the community. The afternoon will begin with an engaging panel discussion, where participants will have the opportunity to hear directly from featured artists Jainson Cedillo, Camila Leão, Catherine Rupan Mapp, and Aynex Mercado. Together, they will explore how their Latinx identity shapes their creative practice and share insights into the cultural influences woven into their work.

Following the panel, guests are invited to an open art showcase, featuring a curated selection of each artist's work. Attendees will have the chance to view pieces up close, engage in informal conversations with the artists, and learn more about the stories behind the art.

“This showcase is an incredible opportunity to support local artists while celebrating the richness and diversity of Latinx heritage,” said Sarah Anderson, Program & Outreach Manager, CCPL. “We hope the community will come together to experience the creativity and cultural expression of these inspirational artists.”

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. For more information, please call 301-645-1395 or email [westref@ccplonline.org](mailto:westref@ccplonline.org).

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The Charles County Public Library creates opportunities for our community to engage, discover, and learn. CCPL consists of four library branches, a Mobile Library, the Discovery Lab, a 24-Hour Library Kiosk at the Nanjemoy Community Center, and a location inside the Charles County Detention Center. CCPL has over 80 full- and part-time employees. Our branches house over 200,000 volumes of printed materials, audiobooks, films, and other documents. We also have an online branch at [www.ccplonline.org](http://www.ccplonline.org), where we regularly add new resources. Currently, over 75,000 county residents hold library cards, and this number continues to grow daily.

## About the Artists

**Jainson Cedillo** is an Ecuadorian-American artist, born in Queens, NY, and raised for part of his life in Passaic, NJ, currently based in Baltimore, Maryland. Jainson's body of work weaves together his Hispanic heritage and queerness, blending expressive figures, vibrant colors, and personal narratives. Through his drawings, he explores these intersecting identities using bold symbolism, rich patterning, and emotional figuration. His work ranges from joyful and celebratory to deeply reflective, often addressing present-day challenges. Learn more at <https://www.jainsoncedillo.com/>.

**Camila Leão** is a Baltimore-based multimedia artist working across illustration, murals, public art, and fine art. Also a musician, she infuses her art with the same raw spirit and dynamic movement that shape her sound, making music an essential force in her creative process. Her work explores community, empowerment, environmental awareness, and cultural identity, drawing from her Brazilian heritage and the interconnectedness of all living things. Learn more at <https://camilaleao.art/>.

**Catherine Rupan Mapp** is a Baltimore-based muralist and fiber artist whose work explores the intersections of culture, memory, music, and community. Her murals and fiber-based works reflect her Mexican, Cuban, and Guyanese heritage, and center joy, storytelling, and gathering. Mapp is currently the Lead Educator at the Baltimore Museum of Art and is committed to art as a vehicle for education, safety, and transformation in public space. Learn more at <https://www.catherinemapp.com/>.

**Aynex Mercado** is a quilter who grew up in Puerto Rico and is now living in Frederick, Maryland. She learned to sew in high school and began to quilt following a spinal cord injury she sustained in a car accident. Her quilts focus on depicting architecture, the natural world, and even abstract representations. Learn more at <https://www.aynexquilts.com/>.