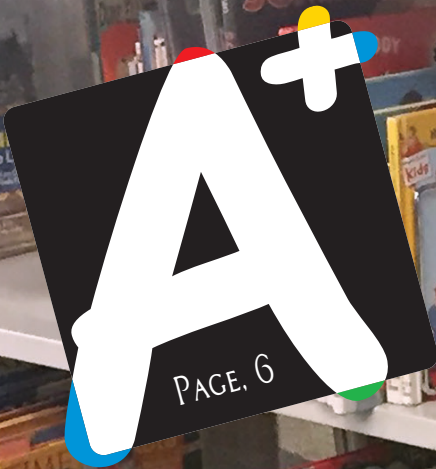


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Reva Siva, 17, of Langley High School, carries a new bag of books from Dolley Madison Library. Siva said reading over the summer helps her brain feel less overloaded by information when she returns to school in the fall.

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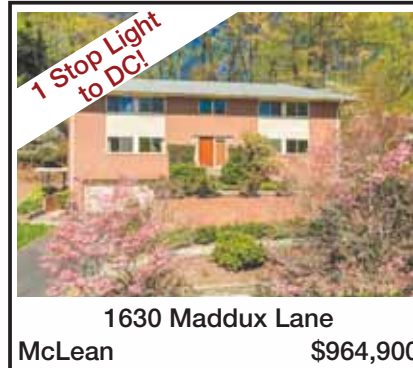
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## Books for Bounty

BY MAIA SPOTO  
THE CONNECTION

**I** imagine a world in which the act of reading could be worth a small cheese pizza. Now, imagine no further. The 2018 Summer Reading Adventure held by Fairfax County Public Libraries is in full swing at Dolley Madison Library in McLean.

Themed “Reading Takes You Everywhere,” the Adventure prompts children from birth through high school to read and record an age-specific number of books through the summer. Participants who register online or in person at the library can redeem completed lists for a coupon booklet with prizes and discounts. The Adventure runs through Sept. 1.

“Generally, there has been really good participation,” said David Suarez, youth services manager for Dolley Madison. “The staff will talk to the kids about the books they’ve read and enjoyed. It gets [children] engaged with the library.” Suarez said this year 400 participants have met the goal already. He expects participation to surpass last year’s 800 number by the end of the summer.

Adam Levine, 11, of Churchill Road Elementary, swapped his list for a prize packet the second week of July. His favorite books this summer were from the “39 Clues” mystery series.

“I’m really glad [the Adventure] gives them a reason to read,” said 19-year-old Isabel Edgerton, Levine’s nanny. Some students do not need to be reminded to read over the summer. Before she was aware of the challenge, 17-year-old Reva Siva of Langley High School had already read many books.

“I think it’s important to read while you’re off of school to keep your brain active,” Siva said.

Librarian Mary Prisbrey said she is thrilled to see kids getting excited about reading. “Some read for the prize, but a lot of kids just read for the joy of reading,” Prisbrey said.

The Summer Reading Adventure is standard for Fairfax County Public Libraries. But Dolley Madison also offers a summer reading challenge tailored to adults, Prisbrey said. Parents come to sign their kids up for the Adventure and then discover that they can read for prizes, too.

“Adults can be busier, so we put the challenge on a bingo card,” Prisbrey said. To earn bingo, adults need to score five in a row on the library’s card. Each row offers prompts, and some are more involved than others.

“Read a book with BLUE on the cover,” directs one square. “Follow FCPL on twitter,” directs another.

Adults who complete the challenge can obtain a free book from the library. They also can enter a raffle for a prize basket that includes a free kindle.



**“Sign up Today! Summer Reading” announces the flag outside Dolley Madison Library.**

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**The raffle prize basket for the adult summer reading challenge includes a coffee mug, ‘Novel Teas’ literary tea bags, and a kindle.**

### Library Events

“Reading Takes You Everywhere”... and so does the library. Beyond a wealth of literature, Dolley Madison hosts a variety of enriching experiences for all ages. Recurring events include:

- ❖ English Conversation Group for adults seeking to improve casual exchanges in English, meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- ❖ One-on-One Computer/ Microsoft Office Training for adults looking to master basic internet and computer programs with a technology volunteer, meeting on Saturday mornings

- ❖ Preschool Storytime for children and parents hoping to actively engage with song and dance, meeting on Wednesday mornings

Also, two Jack Russell Terriers will visit the library to perform tricks in a show called Jacks are Wild on Tuesday, July 24 at 10:30 a.m. The show is open on a first-come, first-served basis to kids ages 6-12.

A full list of events is available at <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov>



**Syd Kirk, 17, of McLean High School, browses for her next novel at Dolley Madison. “I love reading,” Kirk said. “It’s not a chore for me.”**



**Adam Levine 11, of Churchill Road Elementary School, pictured with his prizes — the 2018 Coupon Book and a bookmark for future literary adventures. Levine completed the challenge early in July.**



# OPINION

## Girls Learn about Fire and Rescue at Camp

To give girls confidence in their abilities, push them beyond their comfort zone.

BY TRACEY REED  
CAPTAIN II, STATION 15,  
CHANTILLY, C-SHIFT  
GIRLS FIRE AND RESCUE ACADEMY  
COORDINATOR

**E**ighteen girls are attending camp Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the second session of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Girls Fire and Rescue Academy. The purpose of the academy is to build the girls' confidence in their unique abilities, push them beyond their comfort zone, and to learn the value of supporting others rather than putting them down.

Monday began with team building exercises that continued all week to emphasize the importance of communication and working together. Then the girls learned how to put on firefighter personal protective equipment (PPE). They learned about the Fire Prevention Division and talked to a few of the Fire Marshals about what their job is like. In the afternoon they learned about medical skills including patient assessment, how to measure vital signs, intubation, splinting, patient moving devices, epi pens, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and 12 lead EKGs.

Tuesday began with physical fitness training which was a combination of body weight exercises and activities firefighters perform such as raising ladders and climbing stairs. Then they changed into their PPE and learned about ladder truck operations: searching, forcible entry, and riding in the



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**Participants in the the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Girls Fire and Rescue Academy used their newly acquired skills to respond to simulated emergencies.**

tower bucket 100 feet in the air. During lunch they were treated to a visit by Belle, one of the department's therapy dogs.

In the afternoon they learned about trauma; spinal immobilization, chest decompression, and how to stop bleeding using wound packing and tourniquets. Then they used their newly acquired skills to respond to simulated emergencies including an auto accident with a pedestrian struck. The scenarios were similar to the basic emergency medical technician (EMT-B) certification test and the girls did great.

Wednesday's physical fitness training involved partner exercises — "you go, I go." One person completes repetition of a specific exercise and then they tag their partner who does the same amount of the same exercise while the first

person rests. Working together to accomplish missions in many different ways is an important part of public safety. Afterwards they learned about the use of canines in arson investigations.

Then they were back into their now familiar PPE for engine company operations; getting water from a hydrant, pulling hose lines and re-racking them for deployment, and flowing water.

They put these skills together and worked in small groups to extinguish car fires using a propane car fire simulator. After learning about master streams, which of course involved getting wet on a hot afternoon day, the girls came inside to learn how to tie knots with rope and webbing, mechanical advantages with pulley systems, and extrication tools.

Thursday the girls went to the

department's Wellness and Fitness Center to learn the importance of fitness and proper body mechanics. The girls watched Technician Black complete the work performance evaluation that is required for all Fairfax County firefighters on an annual basis. Then they participated in the Candidate Physical Abilities Test which is one step in the process to become a firefighter.

Later, they worked with Virginia Task Force One, one of only two internationally certified Urban Search and Rescue Departments in the United States. They learned about various search techniques using cameras, listening devices and canines.

Friday they visited the police helicopter unit to learn how they assist on medical calls as well as their police function. They also heard from the Explorers (the county volunteer fire and rescue program for high schoolers), the high school cadet program, and representatives from the Volunteer fire stations.

The afternoon involved hazardous materials training including working in hazmat suits and using meters. Graduation was in the evening with the families and station personnel to celebrate their accomplishments.

We appreciate all the support and donations we have received from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department members and leadership, Centreville Volunteer Fire Department, Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Franconia Volunteer Fire Department, Greater Springfield Fire Department, McLean Volunteer Fire Department, Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association, Battalion 7, B & B Associates, FireVMS.com, Chic-fil-A, and Mission BBQ.



**Helen Ehrlich and Leana Travis, the co-organizers of the fundraiser.**

money for Everytown for Gun Safety. The event took place at Jammin' Java, a Vienna coffee shop.

The afternoon consisted of music and spoken word performances by students from several local high

schools. Many songs and poems were written by the students themselves. Not only was the audience impressed by the students' talent and level of maturity, but the message they were sending became very clear: something needs to change. Many adults in the audience were moved to tears, as they realized that they let their children down, lacking in protecting them from the all too familiar dangers of gun violence. While the general public has become desensitized by news reports from the adult's point of view, hearing words of immense fear and frustration come from the

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Area Students Stand Up, Speak Out

To the Editor:

In the aftermath of the recent school shootings, high school students across the nation have found themselves paralyzed with fear, hoping for a break in the cycle of violence. Following the March for Our Lives rally in the nation's capital, Vienna students were inspired to raise awareness for the issue in their local community. They organized a benefit concert called "Stand Up, Speak Out" to raise





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# Best for Family Road Trips

Top audiobook picks for long drives with children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**W**ith summer comes roadtrips. In fact, a study by New York University's School of Professional studies showed that 63 percent of American families will take a vacation by car this summer. Long stretches of interstate and backseat time call for loading up on audio books before hitting the road.

"Audio books are great for long car rides and they're much better than video games," said Barbara Marshall, department chair for Education and Social Sciences at Montgomery College. "They don't take the place of actually reading a book, but there is a time and place for them.

One of those times, says Marshall, is long drives without scenic views. She and others who are familiar with children's literature suggest some of the best books for family vacations by car.

"Ghost" by Jason Reynolds and narrated by Guy Lockard is a recommendation by Jennifer Rothschild, Youth Services Collection Development Librarian for Arlington Public Libraries. This 3.5 hour audio books is about a gifted runner named Ghost who has a chance to run for a prestigious middle school track team, but is challenged to stay on track both literally and figuratively in order to reach his full potential.

Fantasy buffs might appreciate "Dealing with Dragons" by Patricia C. Wrede, while fans of dystopian novels might enjoy "Leviathan," written by Scott Westerfeld and narrated by Alan Cumming, suggests Rothschild.

Set in an alternate version of WWI, Leviathan is the first in a trilogy. Primary characters include Prince Aleksander, the would-be heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, and Deryn, a girl who disguises herself as a boy to serve in the British Air Service. The story takes off when the two cross paths.

History lovers might appreciate another Rothschild pick: "Notorious Benedict Arnold" which was written by Steve Sheinkin and narrated by Mark Bramhall. Running at 6.5 hours, this is a true story about an American war hero who loses his career and freedom for greater recognition.

Music lovers might enjoy "Solo" by Kwame Alexander, says Yunna Iqbal of Scrawl Books in Reston. The audio version of the New York Times best selling book by the same name, tells the tale of Blade, the son of a former rock star with a drug addiction. Intertwined with songs, the story follows Blade as he tries to escape his escape his family's fame and fortune.

"Each chapter has a specific song and story follows and that makes it good for both young kids and older kids," said Iqbal.

"Artemis Fowl" by Eoin Colfer, narrated by



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Audio books are helpful in passing time during a family vacation by car.**

**"Audiobooks are great for long car rides and much better than video games."**

— **Barbara Marshall, Montgomery College**

Nathaniel Parker could appeal to thrill-seekers. The main character, a 12-year-old named Artemis Fowl is the heir to a crime family who appears to be unusually skilled at masterminding crimes until greed threatens to ruin his most brilliant plan. This Rothschild suggestion runs 6.5 hours.

Timeless classics like "Charles and the Chocolate Factory" and "James and the Giant Peach," both by Roald Dahl, are also fail-safe choices for family road trips, says Iqbal.

"Ghost Boys" by Jewell Parker Rhodes is a recommendation from Lelia Nebeker, Book Buyer at One More Page Books in Arlington. "It's a very short book, so if you're only driving for three hours, you can probably finish it," she said. "It's from the per-

spective of a seventh-grade black boy who is shot and killed by the police, and his ghost is telling the story of seeing the world after his death, where he meets the ghost of Emmett Till. It's a heartbreaking book, but beautifully written, well performed on the audiobook."

Despite the mature sounding premise, Nebeker says that it's intended for readers ages 9 and up.

"Avalon High by Meg Cabot' is a fun contemporary take on the King Arthur myth by the prolific Meg Cabot," advised Nebeker. "This one does take place in a high school setting, but it's appropriate for ages 10 and up for sure. So cute and funny."

"Two of my coworkers read 'Love Sugar Magic: A Dash of Trouble' by Anna Meriano ... and raved about it," said Nebeker.

"Amal Unbound' by Aisha Saeed is about a 14-year-old girl in Pakistan who becomes a servant to pay off her family's debts," said Nebeker. "[This is] another book for young readers that has some mature content, but is good for ages 10 and up and will start good discussion between parents and young readers."

"Howl's Moving Castle" by Diana Wynne Jones and "A Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle are two additional suggestions from Nebeker.

For a wider selection of choices, Marshall suggests the American Library Association's website which offers reviews of audio books: [www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncr](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncr).

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**Team USA, the winner of the 59th International Mathematical Olympiad. Adam Ardeishar, of McLean, is second from left.**

## U.S. Team Wins Math Olympiad, McLean Student Contributes

The U.S. team won first place for the third time in four years at the 59th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) which took place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania on July 3-14, 2018, with 116 countries participating. Prior to a fourth place finish in 2017, the U.S. IMO team won first place in 2015 and 2016 in the prestigious international competition. In 2018, the International Mathematical Olympiad brought together the top math students from around the world with 615 student competitors.

The six U.S. team members also took home five gold medals and one silver medal for their individual high scores in the competition, known as the olympics of mathematics competitions for high school students. The first place U.S. team score was 212 out of a possible 252 points. The teams from Russia and China took second and third place respectively in cumulative team scores.

The 2018 U.S. International Mathematical Olympiad team is: Adam Ardeishar (Of McLean and TJHSST), Andrew Gu, Vincent Huang, James Lin, Michael Ren, and Mihir Singhal. Gu, Huang, and Lin are returning team members from 2017 and Lin earned a perfect score.

"We are very happy to place first for the third time in four years, highlighting our country's consistent mathematical talent and problem-solving capabilities among our high school students," said Michael Pearson, executive director of the Mathematical Association of America. "This shows the strength of the MAA American Mathematics Competitions to build the problem-solving skills that students will use in the future to positively impact society. With the IMO team representing the top talent from the more than 300,000 students who participate in the MAA American Mathematics Competitions annually, we can look ahead to a growing population of problem solvers," he said.

Students qualify for the U.S. IMO team by participating in a series of competitions provided by the Mathematical Association



**A student from McLean, Adam Ardeishar from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, was on the winning U.S. team.**

of America's competitions program, called the MAA American Mathematics Competitions (AMC). More than 300,000 students participate in the MAA American Mathematics Competitions each year which leads the nation in strengthening the mathematical capabilities of the next generation of problem-solvers. The six U.S. team members joined 70 of their peers from the United States and ten other countries at MAA's Mathematical Olympiad Summer Program in June to immerse themselves in problem solving and train for the IMO and other international competitions like the European Girls' Mathematical Olympiad (EGMO) where the U.S. team, organized by MAA, won second place in April.

The team was accompanied by coach Po-Shen Loh, professor of mathematics at Carnegie Mellon University, and deputy coach Sasha Rudenko, a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University.

IMO scores are based on the number of points scored by individual team members on six problems. On each day of the two-day competition, the teams have 4.5 hours to work on three problems.

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**Art Exhibit: “Exploring Colors & Textures.”** Through July 31, gallery hours at IACC, Pars Place, 2236-C Gallows Road, Vienna. A solo painting exhibition by Ramin Abraham. Email [info@iacommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@iacommunitycenter.org) or call 703-314-7240 gallery hours.

**Art Exhibit: Country Places.** Through Aug. 4, gallery hours at Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Ave. NW, Vienna. Artist Libby Eckert’s exhibit Country Places is on display. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit: “Too Much of Too Much.”** Through Aug. 18, gallery hours in the Bullock | Hitt Gallery at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Project for the Arts will open “Too Much of Too Much: Overstimulated, Overexposed, and Overextended,” featuring works by mid-Atlantic artists whose works explore the ideas of overstimulation, excessiveness and bombardment, be it through too much information, activity, expectation, or by any other means. Visit [mpaart.org](http://mpaart.org) for more.

**Vienna Farmers Market.** 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, through Nov. 3 at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. The Vienna Farmers Market, hosted by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, has more than 30 vendors from across the region, the Vienna Farmers Market provides locally-sourced fruits and vegetables and homemade eats. Throughout the year, great music will be featured to accompany your shopping. Visit [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/) for more.

**Oakton Farmers Market.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit [community-foodworks.org](http://community-foodworks.org).

**Free Tai Chi.** Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners’ Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org) for more.

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**Bingo Night.** Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

**Gentle Yoga.** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. [www.edimprovement.org](http://www.edimprovement.org). 571-213-3192.

**Colvin Run Mill** open 11-4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County’s operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

## THURSDAY/JULY 19

**Nottoway Nights.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Featuring



**Hop-Hop Meets the Music of India in a family-friendly show in McLean Central Park on Sunday, July 22, 5 p.m. Indian Violinist Nistha Raj and Grammy-nominated progressive hip-hop artist Christylez Bacon present a collaboration that mixes genres of music native to each of their cultural upbringings, Hindustani Classical music and acoustic Hip-Hop and D.C.’s Go-Go.**



**Butterfly Hotel by Dick Neff, 8x10 oil.**

## Membership Drive

Vienna Arts Society members will be able to exhibit and sell works in two new places – in the society’s new space at 243 Church St. and the new Vienna Community Center. Meet the artists Sunday, July 29, 4-6 p.m. at 243 Church St. Membership application forms are available at the Art Center and at [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

Wayne Henderson and Helen White (traditional Appalachian music). Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy music from around the world every Thursday evening at Nottoway Park. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/nottoway-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/nottoway-nights) for more.

**Discover Visitors from Space.** 8-9 p.m. at Turner Farm, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Examine meteorites in a program at Observatory Park called “Meteorites: Explore Visitors from Space.” Learn about meteorites, and touch and examine meteorite specimens from the moon and Mars in the roll-top observatory classroom. Program is designed for participants age 6-adult. \$8 per person. Call 703-324-8618 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/turner-farm) for more.

## FRIDAY/JULY 20

**Tysons Concert Series: Open Park Standoff.** 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center’s 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit [www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018](http://www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018) for more.

**Chillin’ on Church with Mudlark.** 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin’ on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

## SUNDAY/JULY 22

**Benefit Concert with Sweet Yonder.** 1:30 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. A benefit performanc for SCOV’s 20<sup>th</sup> Aniversary. \$20. Tickets at [www.ticketfly.com/event/1691320-shepherd-s-center-oakton-vienna/](http://www.ticketfly.com/event/1691320-shepherd-s-center-oakton-vienna/) or at the door. Visit [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org).  
**Vegetable Plant Clinics.** 4-6 p.m. At Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Focus will be on planning a fall vegetable garden. Fairfax County Master Gardeners will add a focus on vegetable gardening to their Plant Clinic program. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension. Contact the VCE Fairfax County Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-324-8556.

**Alden Summer Concerts: Hip-Hop Meets the Music of India (Family Friendly).** 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden’s 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a “welcome, summer” concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org) for more.

**Summer on the Green: Vienna Community Band.** 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin’ on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

**Concerts on the Green: Tom Principato.** 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit [www.celebrategreatfalls.org](http://www.celebrategreatfalls.org) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 25

**Summer Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers.** 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Young children and families are invited to listen to a story, tune into some favorite songs, then have a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 8. Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

## WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 25-26

**Studio Ghibli: Castle in the Sky.** Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit [www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com](http://www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/JULY 26

**Nottoway Nights.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Featuring Maybe April (Country/Americana). Bring blankets and chairs and enjoy music from around the world every Thursday evening at Nottoway Park. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/nottoway-nights](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/nottoway-nights) for more.

**Live Music: Olivia Chaney.** 8 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Grammy-Nominated English singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist tours in support of new album, “Shelter.” \$15. Visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/JULY 27

**River Fishing by Boat.** 5:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Get an introduction to fishing and boating in the “River Fishing by Boat” program. Participants age 5-adult will fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or jon boat. The two-hour lesson starts with an introduction to boating and fishing basics. Previous experience rowing or paddling is not required. Boats, personal flotation devices (PFDs), fishing rods and bait are provided. \$16 per person, and each participant must register. Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend) for more.

**Summer on the Green: Sarah Bennett Swanner.** 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin’ on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.



# Area to Get New Arts and Cultural Venues

## Conversation with ARTSFAIRFAX'S Linda Sullivan.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he arts are a big business in Fairfax County. "We're seeing an increased recognition to the value the arts bring to our region. The arts attract and inspire a strong workforce, help educate our children, entertain us, and enhance our communities," said Linda Sullivan, CEO and President of ARTSFAIRFAX.

ARTSFAIRFAX is the organization that helps support the arts and provides a voice for the arts in Fairfax County.

There are about 250 arts organizations, big and small in Fairfax County according to ARTSFAIRFAX. A recent study developed by Americans for the Arts in collaboration with ARTSFAIRFAX indicated that more than \$270 million is generated annually in economic activity from the arts and culture industry in Fairfax. Additionally more than \$9.0 million of local government revenue is generated and more than 6,200 full-time equivalent jobs supported.

Yet more can be accomplished. "Fairfax County has always had many outstanding arts organizations but with a shortage of arts venues they have not been as visible as they might be in other communities." For smaller non-profits arts and cultural organization, what may have been an issue "is the lack of professional arts venues that can accommodate audience growth, and lower than regional average financial support that can help an organization enhance its programs and productions.



**Linda Sullivan, CEO and President ARTSFAIRFAX**

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**"We are seeing an increased recognition to the value the arts bring to our region."**

—Linda Sullivan

In terms of cultural facilities, Fairfax County is working to match other communities with more than 1 million populations which may have larger cultural facility infrastructures. "The county grew rapidly over a relatively short period of time, that the focus had to attend to roads, schools, and other infrastructure. Now, with a large, diverse and growing population, it's the cultural infrastructure that will help communities, and the entire county, to thrive," said Sullivan.

Sullivan indicated that in the Tysons area there is heightened interest in developing arts and cultural facilities. As examples, she mentioned the Capital One Center (McLean Metro) that will include several performance spaces for live productions and a rooftop green space for outdoor music and small performances. Additional arts facility development is anticipated in Tysons with a performing and visual arts venues in early planning for The View development near the Spring Hill Silver Line.

Herndon is developing a major arts facility and an arts education center called the Floris Arts Conservatory is to be built along Frying Pan Park.

"We are seeing an increased recognition to the value the arts bring to our region," said Sullivan.



**Proposed Capital One Center**

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## Langley's Hannah Richardson Wins State Pole Vault Championship

Langley High School's Hannah Richardson placed first in the Women's Pole Vault competition at Todd Stadium in Newport News over the weekend, June 1-2.

The Langley Track & Field team took seven athletes to the Virginia 6A State Championship. Of these athletes five competed in the pole vault, the most athletes from a single high school in the event, led by Langley alum and Pole Vault/Jumps Coach Morgan Danner and Head Coach Andrew Diller.

The competition was steep but, sophomore Hannah Richardson cleared 11'6" to take the State Championship Title in the Women's Pole Vault. She has been winning meet after meet this season, including the Liberty District Title and the VA Northern Region Title. She ended the season with the first Track & Field State Title Langley has had in decades. Langley has developed their track team and especially their pole vaulters over the years and finally captured that first-place finish. Also competing at the State meet were Amy Wen, Jim Keyes, Alex Surratt, Camden Hao, Cameron Edgington and Brandon Braswell.



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**VA 6A State Champion Women's Pole Vault Hannah Richardson, right, with Coach Morgan Danner, left.**

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**NEWS**

# Butler Appointed Chief of Fire and Rescue Department

**T**he Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appointed John S. Butler as the county's next Fire and Rescue Department chief. He succeeds Chief Richard Bowers, who retired in April. Butler's appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Butler has been with the Howard County, Md. Department of Fire and Rescue Services since 1993 and was appointed chief in 2014. He began as a firefighter-paramedic in Howard County, rising through the ranks to serve in a variety of roles with that department, including as battalion chief, emergency medical services chief and administrative chief. In addition to his firefighting experience, Butler served in the U.S. Marine Corps for 21 years, including two combat tours.

"After an extensive search including a community engagement process, Fairfax County is pleased to appoint Chief Butler to the position of Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.

"He will have the opportunity to lead an elite world-renowned department and I look forward to working with him."

During his tenure in Howard County, Butler expanded services, hired the most diverse firefighter/paramedic trainee class in the department's history, helped establish the first and only local affiliate of

the International Association of Women in Fire and Emergency Services (iWomen), established numerous community outreach programs, led the construction of several fire stations and improved service delivery and response times.

"We had a number of strong candidates, however, Chief Butler demonstrated the leadership, vision and communications skills that will move our excellent Fire and Rescue Department forward," said County Executive Bryan Hill. "His proven experience and successful leadership at the helm of a large department will continue to strengthen our culture and contribute to a positive future for the department."

Butler holds a Master of Science in management from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Baltimore.

He is a graduate of the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program and holds a certificate from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government Leadership in Crisis Program. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs Human Relations Committee and Maryland's Emergency Medical Services Board and is a 2014 recipient of Johns Hopkins University's Global Achievement Award for his humanitarian work in Africa.

He will receive an annual salary of \$201,878.77.



**John S. Butler**

## Have a Ball at the Bocce Picnic

**N**orthern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) is gearing up with a free Bocce Picnic and Play event on Thursday, Aug. 2 at the host site for the 2018 bocce competition at Green Acres Center in the City of Fairfax. Medalists from past competitions are expected to be present at the picnic offering tips on bocce moves.

The event will be held by RSVP which is the region's largest volunteers group for those 55 years and older. They serve more than 30 of the local non-profit organizations and government agencies. To register for the event contact volunteer specialist Carly Hubicki at 703-403-5360 or [www.rsvpnova.org](http://www.rsvpnova.org).

This year's NVSO is scheduled to begin on Sept. 15 and conclude Sept. 25 with the bocce competition on Thursday, Sept. 20 at Green Acres. Registration for the NVSO events began in June and will end Aug. 24.

The NVSO is a joint project of the cities in Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun and Prince William. It includes more than 60 events from swimming and diving, track, pickle ball, bowling, golf to duplicate bridge with three new events added this year: canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball. For a complete list of events visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).



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**Northern Virginia Senior Olympics  
bocce competition**

— SHIRLEY RUHE



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### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

**The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Merrifield Center** offers a new stand-up information kiosk. Part of a pilot project, the new feature aims to improve the customer service experience and decrease wait times for individuals who are seeking mental (behavioral) health services. To check in, individuals respond to five simple questions, then the CSB's Patient Track software alerts staff. Based on clinicians' schedules and availability, as well as the needs of the client, individuals are triaged and seen by the next available staff member. For more information on available services, call the CSB at 703-383-8500 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.). In an emergency 24/7, call CSB Emergency Services at 703-573-5679 or the Fairfax Detox Center at 703-502-7000 (TTY 703-322-9080).

### THURSDAY/JULY 19

**Story Time: Taking on Challenges.** 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support taking on challenges in young children. Life is full of stresses and challenges. Children who are willing to take on challenges do better in school and in life. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

**Application Deadline.** Think and Act Green. The Town of Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) is challenging local businesses and nonprofits to adopt green practices and self-certify as "sustainable" based on points earned. Find a list of suggested green strategies and the Sustainability Challenge checklist at [viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge](http://viennava.gov/sustainabilitychallenge). Submit to Town Hall at 127 Center Street S., Vienna to the attention of the Community Enhancement Commission. Contact Desiree Di Mauro at [desiree@d2t2.org](mailto:desiree@d2t2.org).

## LETTERS

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mouths of young students as they expressed themselves truly hit home. Along with 71 others, Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34) attended the event, and she spoke briefly about what she believes needs to be done to prevent the repetitive, tragic headlines. She commended the younger generation for their dedication to the cause and recognized how instrumental they are in creating a better future for our nation.

The powerful words of the students made an impact on the audience, and the students are proud to say they raised \$750 for Everytown for Gun Safety. The students believe, more importantly than the money they raised, the biggest concept they hope the audience and other observers will take away is that all one needs to make a difference is ambition and dedication. While most nights the news may leave viewers feeling helpless, it is necessary to remember that every single person has the power to change the world, if only they believe they can.

**Leana Travis**  
Vienna

*Along with Helen Ehrlich, Leana Travis organized a benefit concert 'Stand Up, Speak Out.'*

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## Comparatively Speaking



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

After writing such an emotional column last week ("A Relative Unknown"), I'm having a little trouble finding footing for my pen for this week's column.

It reminds me of thoughts I had about continuing to write my "Everything in general about nothing in particular"-themed columns - which I had published in The Connection from December 1997 through May 2009, after I received my terminal cancer diagnosis in late February, 2009. How could I continue to write such lightweight nonsense after being given a "13 month to two-year" prognosis?

Not that my intention writing forward was ever to immerse you regular readers in self-indulgent Kenny at his self-important worst. Hardly. It was more that I had a need and apparently, an ability, to write about my cancer experiences with a similarly light touch as I had previously done so discussing everyday topics dating back 12 years or so.

Those columns, as you incredibly regular readers may recall, ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, including everything in between. However, they never mentioned politics, current events, personalities in the news or anything of substance, quite frankly.

To give you a few examples: "Armed and Dangerous," a column about drivers who drive with their left arms hanging out the driver's side window (one of my mother's favorites); "Sole Man," a column about seeing so many single shoes lying by the side of the road; "Registering a Complaint," a column about the new (at the time) self-checkout registers at supermarkets; and "Victim of 'Soycumstance,'" a column about why there are always so many packets of soy sauce in Chinese carry-out, and so many more, hundreds in fact, about "everything in general ...".

For me, they were - and continue to be, an amusing diversion/avocation which enabled me to pursue my passion and dream about writing a syndicated climate from a warm climate, preferably one with an ocean view, while maintaining my day job. A day job which I still maintain. And though the challenge for maintaining both may be greater now than ever, us true believers in the newspaper business will continue to read and write as best we can, in print and online.

Now, throw in a cancer diagnosis, which at the outset was extremely discouraging, and you might wonder how any of this makes sense. Well, perhaps it didn't. But perhaps having tasks and responsibilities was exactly the kind of regularity that a cancer patient given a rather grim prognosis needed, consciously, and maybe more importantly, subconsciously.

Somewhere in my head (or wherever one's subconscious exists) going on about life as if nothing was particularly life threatening (heck, more like life ending, at age 54 and a half, no less) perhaps was the kind of antidote my body needed. Though told then - and now, that there's no cure for what ails me: non-small lung cancer, stage IV, nevertheless, I am still alive nine-plus years later, "advocating" and "vocating."

However, maintaining my status quo; reading, writing and "rithmeticking" doesn't generally make me cry as writing last week's column did. And in living long enough to experience what I wrote about last week, I am always grateful to whomever/whatever power is responsible for yours truly being here, there and everywhere (also a reference to the name of the first song, by The Beatles, that Dina and I danced to as husband and wife).

Amazingly, life goes on, as does this column. But fortunately, for you irregular readers, not for much longer.

Have written this far, I think I've transitioned now from an extremely emotional experience: meeting my cousin from Argentina to an un-emotional/normal one: life in the mundane and boring Kenny lane. A lane I hope to continue to travel. At least I hope so, anyway.

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**6208 Loch Raven Dr, McLean**  
**\*WONDERFUL\* 5BR/3BA home in sought-after Potomac Hills!** This home includes eat-in kit, formal living & dining rms; sunny LL family rm; hrdwd floors throughout main; freshly painted; MBR w/his & her closets and en suite BA! Rear screened in porch & large, level, manicured yard! **Chesterbrook, Longfellow, and McLean Schools!**



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