

## Season of Wonder: Escape the Ordinary

### Ann Patchett Interviewed by Maureen Corrigan

Best-selling author Ann Patchett is the keynote speaker for the 10th anniversary season of Frederick Reads. Named one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World by *TIME* in 2012, Patchett will be interviewed by NPR's Maureen Corrigan on-stage.

Ann Patchett is a celebrated author, a devoted reader and a champion of literary culture. She has written eight books and is a frequent contributor to many publications, including *The New York Times*, *Atlantic Monthly* and *The Wall Street Journal*. She has served on the board of the Nashville Public Library Foundation, and in 2011, when the last of Nashville's bookstores had been shuttered, Patchett declared "I have no interest in living in a city without a bookstore." And so, in November of that year she opened Parnassus Books, a new refuge for the written word.

Patchett published her first story in *The Paris Review* while still a student at Sarah Lawrence College. *Bel Canto*, her fourth novel, was published in 2001 and was awarded the Orange Prize and the PEN/Faulkner Award. The world-renowned Lyric Opera Company of Chicago has commissioned a production based on that novel that will premiere in 2015. Her most recent novel *State of Wonder* was published in 2011. *The Washington Post* called that book "the smartest, most exciting novel of the summer" and *Library Journal* described it as "superbly rendered." Patchett is also the author of three works of nonfiction including *Truth & Beauty*, which won the Heartland Prize for Nonfiction and *This is the Story of a Happy Marriage* which NPR called "terrific and wide-ranging."

## Frederick Reads Event Schedule

### Exclusive Meet and Greet Reception: Patchett & Corrigan

March 23, 2015, 5:15–6:15 pm

Weinberg Center for the Arts | \$50 per person. To purchase, call 301-600-2828.

*Attendees will have the opportunity to meet with both nationally known literary luminaries at this fundraising reception prior to the free main event. Attendees will receive a complimentary book and first-choice seating at the on-stage discussion following the reception.*

*Refreshments will be served.*

*Tickets are required to attend the reception and can be purchased by contacting the Weinberg box office at 301-600-2828. Reception ticket proceeds help Frederick Reads bring notable authors to Frederick for free, public readings.*

### Patchett In Conversation with NPR's Maureen Corrigan

March 23, 2015, 7:00 pm

Weinberg Center for the Arts | Free. No tickets required.

Book sales and signing will follow

### Ann Patchett Reading and Talk

March 24, 2015, 11:00 am

Jack B. Kussmaul Theater

Frederick Community College | Free. No tickets required.

For more information, contact Donna Bannwolf at [dbannwolf@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:dbannwolf@frederickcountymd.gov) or 301-600-1629.

## Maureen Corrigan

### NPR's *Fresh Air* Book Critic

For more than 20 years, Maureen Corrigan has been the book critic for NPR's *Fresh Air*, reviewing a portion of the 200 plus books she receives each week for consideration. Along with NPR, Corrigan is a columnist for *The Washington Post* and the critic-in-residence at Georgetown University. In the past, she has written reviews for *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Nation*, among others. She is an associate editor and contributor to *Mystery and Suspense Writers* and the winner of the 1999 Edgar Award for Criticism. In 2012, she served as a juror for the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction.

Corrigan, however, does not just critique books; she is also the author of two books of her own. Her titles include *Leave me Alone I'm Reading* and *So We Read On: How the Great Gatsby Came to Be and Why It Endures*, which was named one of the ten best books of the year by *Library Journal*.

It was Corrigan's father, an avid reader, who first inspired her passion for reading. However, it wasn't until graduate school, at the University of Pennsylvania, that she was first introduced to the possibility of writing about books. This occurred when a friend invited her to write a review for the *Village Voice*.

Considered one of America's most trusted and beloved book critics, Corrigan now lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and daughter.

## Frederick Community College

### Co-Curricular Day

April 22, 2015, 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Jack B. Kussmaul Theater

Frederick Community College | Free and open to public

Frederick Community College will open their doors this spring to four dynamic speakers who will discuss their unique perspectives, experiences, and adventures surrounding the 2015 Frederick Reads theme of *Wonder*.

#### Alexander Tsiaras – 9:30 am

Tsiaras is the creator of cutting-edge scientific imaging software that enables him to scan and record the human body at every stage. He is also an internationally renowned journalist, author, and speaker.

#### David Gallo – 11:00 am

Gallo was one of the first oceanographers to use a combination of manned submersibles and robots to map the ocean world with unprecedented clarity and detail. He has also been a co-expedition leader on various submarine explorations, including an expedition to the RMS *Titanic*.

#### Bobby Smith – 12:30 pm

While working as a law enforcement officer in Louisiana, Smith was shot in the face at point blank range and blinded by a violent drug offender. He is now the author of three books and spends his time helping others cope with traumatic experiences.

#### Charlie O'Donnell IV – 2:00 pm

A 2008 Walkersville High School graduate, O'Donnell is an adventurer, photographer, blogger, and nomad filled with “wanderlust.”

For more Frederick Reads partner events for adults and youth, go to [www.frederickreads.org](http://www.frederickreads.org).

## **Camp NaNoWriMo at the Library!**

Throughout the month of April, the C. Burr Artz Library will, for the first time, host a mini-version of National Writing Month. Camp NaNoWriMo, an event hosted annually across the country, will feature a series of writing workshops for teenagers. Participants can set their own word count goals, try out any type of writing they are interested in, and work with other students and library staff to improve their writing. At the end of the month, participants will celebrate their hard work with Jessica McHugh, young adult author of the *Darla Decker Diaries* series.

### **Workshops**

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 4:00 pm

### **Celebration with author Jessica McHugh**

April 29, 4:00 pm

C. Burr Artz Public Library

\*Registration required

## **We Need Diverse Books Panel Discussion**

May 1, 2015, 7:00 pm

Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center

40 South Carroll Street, Downtown Frederick

Meet authors—Lamar Giles, Meg Medina, Ellen Oh, and Caroline Richmond—from

We Need Diverse Books, a grassroots organization created to address the lack of diverse, non-majority narratives in children's literature. We Need Diverse Books is committed to the ideal that embracing diversity will lead to acceptance, empathy, and ultimately equality.

Guest authors will participate in a panel discussion moderated by Shari Ostrow-Scher, former Frederick County Public Schools early childhood education curriculum specialist and family involvement supervisor, and founder/president of Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership in Frederick County and Children of Promise, Children of Hope in the Dominican Republic.

Book sales and author signings to follow discussion.

Reserved seating available for groups of 6 or more. Call 301-695-2500 or email [info@curiousiguana.com](mailto:info@curiousiguana.com) to register.

## **The Frederick Speaker Series**

### **General Stanley McChrystal and Dr. Michio Kaku**

We are halfway through our 2015 Frederick Speaker Series and you do not want to miss your chance to hear these world-renowned speakers and engage with them at the private receptions that follow. The remaining speakers are General Stanley McChrystal and Dr. Michio Kaku.

General Stanley McChrystal will be at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on March 11 at 7:30 pm. A four-star general, McChrystal is the former commander of U.S. and international forces in Afghanistan and the former leader of Joint Special Operations Command, overseeing the military's most sensitive forces.

The final speaker in the 2015 Frederick Speaker Series will be Dr. Michio Kaku on April 15 at 7:30 pm. One of the most widely recognized figures in science in the world today; Dr. Kaku is an international authority in Einstein's unified field theory and predicting trends in business, commerce, and finance.

Tickets are still available for the meet and greet reception following each speaker's presentation. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will give attendees an opportunity to engage with the season speakers. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each event and proceeds from ticket sales will support children's library programs. Main event and private reception tickets can be purchased through the Weinberg Center for the Arts, or by visiting [www.frederickspeakerseries.org](http://www.frederickspeakerseries.org).

### **General Stanley McChrystal**

Wednesday, March 11, 7:30 pm | Weinberg Center for the Arts | Tickets \$35, \$30, \$25

### **Dr. Michio Kaku**

Wednesday, April 15, 7:30 pm | Weinberg Center for the Arts | Tickets \$35, \$30, \$25

**Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries**  
**Host Free Celtic Concert**  
**Featuring The ShamRogues:**  
**“The best Irish band to ever play in Baltimore”**

Don't put your green away just yet! Keep the St. Patrick's Day celebration going with the 2015 Celtic Concert, featuring the popular band *The ShamRogues*. The concert will take place on Thursday, March 19 at the Marion Burk Knott Auditorium at Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg.

Since 2009, *The ShamRogues* have been entertaining crowds all over the East Coast with their unique brand of Irish music and dance. From Washington D.C. to Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and even famous Irish venues in New York City, the band has proven themselves very popular with an ever-growing group of supporters. Not a band to stand around on stage blasting out song after song, *The ShamRogues* like to involve their audience in a fun, lively evening of songs and stories of Ireland.

This family-friendly event, underwritten by the C. Burr Artz Trust, is presented annually by the Emmitsburg and Thurmont Libraries. Admission to the 2015 Celtic Concert is free, but tickets are required. Free advance tickets can be picked up at the Emmitsburg or Thurmont Libraries beginning March 2, starting at 10 am. Tickets are limited to four per person and are only available while supplies last.

**The ShamRogues**

Thursday, March 19, 7:00 pm

Marion Burk Knott Auditorium

Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg | Free admission and parking.

Tickets required. | All ages welcome!

Patrons with advance tickets will be seated between 6:30-6:45 pm. Seats are not guaranteed after 6:45 pm for advance ticket holders. Patrons without advance tickets are strongly encouraged to pick up numbered standby tickets in the concert hall lobby beginning at 6 pm. Any unoccupied seats, if available, will be filled by standby ticket holders between 6:45 pm and 7 pm. Due to no-shows, some seats are always available.

For further information, contact the Emmitsburg Branch Library at 301-600-6329.

## History Comes Alive at Frederick County Public Libraries

### An African-American Research and Preservation Symposium Project

**April 18, 2015, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Did you know that local burial grounds such as the Middletown Cemetery are a rich source of information when researching your family history? Recently, the Carrollton Manor Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) published *The Forgotten: The Middletown African Methodist Episcopal Cemetery*, which holds important source material on individuals located in this largely undocumented burial ground. The library invites you to explore your roots during a special history symposium co-sponsored by the Historical Society of Frederick County in partnership with the C. Burr Artz Maryland Room, which is a rich source of genealogical information.

Speakers include Dr. Emilie Amt, the chair of the Hood College history department who will address African American history in Western Maryland; and Dr. Richard Smith of McDaniel College with advice on using cemetery data and record collecting in your own ancestral research.

You're invited to explore not only *The Forgotten*, which is available for use in the Maryland Room, but also the Linton-Holdcraft Obituary Collection, "*Colored*" Deaths, as Recorded in Articles, Obituaries, and Funeral Notices by John E. Keller, II and *Death and Burial Notices of African Americans, Frederick County, Maryland* by David H. Wallace.

Much of the Carrollton Manor DAR research was conducted in the library's very own Maryland Room, which is a dedicated history section on the 2nd floor of C. Burr Artz Public Library.

### War of 1812 Traveling Exhibits and Speaker

The War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration draws to a close with two traveling exhibits on display and a guest speaker throughout Frederick County Public Libraries. The exhibit will be on display at C. Burr Artz Library, Thurmont Regional Library, and Brunswick Branch Library.

### Defense of the Nation: Maryland in the War of 1812

A product of the Baltimore National Heritage Area  
C. Burr Artz Library | April–March 2015

### When Freeman Shall Stand: Maryland Citizen-Soldiers in the War of 1812

On loan from the Maryland Military Historical Society  
Thurmont Regional Library | March 2015  
Brunswick Branch Library | April 2015

### Speaker Robert Dudley

Co-author of *Sam Smith, Star-Spangled Hero, The Unsung Patriot Who Saved Baltimore and Helped Win the War of 1812*  
C. Burr Artz Library | March 28th, 11:00 am



## Irish Heritage Month Display

### March 2015

"Irish American Heritage Month" was signed into law two years ago by the governor to celebrate the diversity of Maryland's culture and to recognize the contributions that Irish Americans made to Maryland.

The Thurmont Regional Library, Urbana Regional Library, Edward F. Fry Memorial Library at Point of Rocks, and C. Burr Artz Public Library, downtown, will feature an exhibit about the life of Maryland's most famous Irish son, Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

Did you know that Mr. Carroll, after whom the town of Carrollton was named, not only represented Maryland as a signer of the Declaration of Independence, but was also the last surviving member of those who signed that infamous document on July 4, 1776?

## Monocacy Archaeological Society

### C. Burr Artz Public Library | March 8, 2015

*Bison in the East: A Story of Pigs, People, and Pigeons* by Stephen R. Potter,  
Regional Archaeologist, National Capital Region, National Park Service

Dr. Potter examines the role of eastern bison in the 18th-century Anglo-American exploration and settlement of the Great Valley, Appalachian Mountains, and the lands beyond. He illustrates the life and times of the long hunters, "meat getters," market hunters, squatters, and settlers, and the part they played in the destruction of the bison in the East.

Please contact the Maryland Room for further information about any of these events, 301-600-1368.

## **Frederick Spelling Bee**

An exciting and challenging academic opportunity awaits Frederick County students! On March 14, students from 37 elementary and middle schools in Frederick County will compete in the 8th annual Frederick County Spelling Bee at Frederick Community College. The winner of the Frederick County Bee moves directly to the Scripps National Spelling Bee held in Washington, D.C., May 24–29.

Thanks to generous sponsors, the winner will receive lodging and spending money to defray trip expenses.

### **8TH FREDERICK COUNTY SPELLING BEE**

Saturday, March 14 | 1:30 pm

Jack B. Kussmaul Theater

Frederick Community College

For more information about the Spelling Bee, please visit [fcpl.org/spelling](http://fcpl.org/spelling).

## **Music Fills the Air at FCPL**

### **Symphony Storytime To Usher In Spring At All FCPL Branches**

Symphony Storytime is returning in full swing this spring, and for the first time will be expanding to include performances at all eight branches of FCPL.

Symphony Storytime features storytelling brought to life through Frederick Symphony Orchestra member performances. This sensory-enriched story experience is designed to introduce children to classical music through picture books.

This program is free and for all ages, but is geared toward children ages 2–6.

Symphony Storytime began its inception in the spring of 2014 at Urbana Regional Library where over 600 children and family members eagerly participated in the event.

During the Storytime, children and their parents experience a live musical collaboration between the library reader and a Frederick Symphony Orchestra musician. Musicians play short selections, talk about their instrument, answer questions, and, after the stories are read aloud, audience members can take a closer peek at the instruments.

This season's Symphony Storytime will embrace Frederick Reads' 2015 theme of Wonder: Escape the Ordinary and will feature picture books that fuel a child's capacity to dream and wonder.

Walkersville – Thursday, March 5 | 1:00 pm  
Point of Rocks – Wednesday, April 1 | 3:00 pm  
Urbana – Mondays, April 13, 20, 27 and May 4 | 6:30 pm  
Thurmont – Tuesday, April 21 | 6:30 pm  
C. Burr Artz – Wednesday, April 29 | 6:30 pm  
Brunswick – Wednesday, May 13 | 10:30 am  
Middletown – Wednesday, May 20 | 1:00 pm  
Emmitsburg – Thursday, May 28 | 10:30 am

“This was such a popular and enriching event for children that it made sense to expand this program into a system wide event at all of our branches at FCPL. As a library, it is key to provide a variety of programs and multi-sensory literary experiences for children and their families.” Mindy Andros, Library Communications Specialist, Community and Corporate Partnerships Office, Frederick County Public Libraries.

## **Delaplaine Satellite Galleries**

Thanks to the ongoing partnership between FCPL and The Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, the following local and regional artist displays are available at the Brunswick, Thurmont, and Urbana Regional Libraries. These satellite galleries will be available March through July 2015.

### **Brunswick Branch Library**

March–May

- Alice Power
- Photographic Image: Mid Summer Harvest

### **Thurmont Regional Library**

End of March–May

- Jing-Jy Chen
- Photographic Image: Koi

### **Urbana Regional Library**

March–May

- Sandra Edmonson
- Photographic Image: Garden Spray

May–July

- Jing-Jy Chen
- Photographic Image: Cherry Blossoms and Birds

# **SUMMER OF WONDER SUMMER READING PROGRAM**

## **EVERY HERO HAS A STORY**

Continuing on with the Frederick Reads' theme of 'Season of Wonder,' the 2015 Summer of Wonder Summer Reading Program begins May 1 with a new twist! This year, the program will include events for all ages – even adults! The Summer of Wonder Summer Reading Program encourages Frederick County citizens to read and learn during the summer with programs and events held at the library and throughout the community. The 2015 theme of "Every Hero Has a Story" aims to inspire community members to discover and share those stories.

## **SUMMER OF WONDER SUMMER READING FAMILY FESTIVAL AT WESTVIEW PROMENADE**

May 30, 2015, 11:00 am

To kick off the new Summer of Wonder Summer Reading Program for all ages, Frederick County Public Libraries has teamed up with Westview Promenade for a Summer Reading Family Festival. On Saturday, May 30, the courtyard in front of Regal Cinemas will feature performances, crafts, and your favorite costumed characters. This event is for all ages with an adult.

## **FREE FANTASTIC FUN EVERY FIRST FRIDAY**

Join us for Free Fantastic Fun every first Friday of the month from April through October (no program in July) at Westview Promenade. Drop by the courtyard in front of Regal Cinemas for a variety of storytimes, music, games, and crafts. Each month will have a special theme and unique activities. Best for ages 2–6 with an adult.

Westview Promenade

Buckeystown Pike at Crestwood Blvd.

In case of inclement weather, check the Westview Promenade Facebook Page for an indoor location. [www.facebook.com/WestviewPromenade](http://www.facebook.com/WestviewPromenade)

## **Calling All Young Artists!**

Kids and teens, it's time to put your artistic talents on display! Our annual Summer Reading art contest begins March 1, with all entries due by March 31. Winning designs will be featured on free bookmarks when the Summer Reading Program begins May 1.

This year's theme for children and teens is "Every Hero has a Story." Please create your design in color! For contest details and entry forms, visit [fcpl.org/summer](http://fcpl.org/summer) or your local FCPL branch.

March 1 – Annual art contest begins

March 31 – All entries due

May 1 – Summer Reading begins