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## CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs sponsoring new programs Partners with Howard County Library and Columbia Art Center to offer enriching, educational activities

The Columbia Association (CA) International Exchange & Multicultural Programs is collaborating with Howard County Library and Columbia Art Center to offer new events and programs that will educate the community on diverse cultures and challenge participants to consider how international cultures have enriched and affected their lives and community.

In collaboration with Howard County Library, CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs is sponsoring Buenas Noches: An Evening in Spain on Tuesday, March 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Central Library. Guests can see Spain come alive in short clips from the Library's travel DVD collection; listen to live Spanish guitar; discover Spanish culture through the eyes of a stand-up comic; and enjoy a Spanish dance performance. Guests can also learn about the wide range of resources available on Spain at Howard County Library. Participants in Columbia's 2010 summer Sister Cities Exchange Program will also be in attendance. There will be door prizes, snacks and refreshments. Registration is required for this free event and is available online at [hclibrary.org](http://hclibrary.org) or by calling 410-313-7800. Howard County Library is located at 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway in Columbia.

A new International Book Club, sponsored by CA International Exchange and Multicultural Programs, will meet the second Wednesday of each month at Columbia Art Center. The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. The book for the first meeting is *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie. Subsequent books will be selected by participants. All books will be in English, written by international authors and about international culture—whether overseas or in the U.S. To RSVP, please call 410-715-3162 or e-mail [International@ColumbiaAssociation.com](mailto:International@ColumbiaAssociation.com). Columbia Art Center is located at 6100 Foreland Garth in Columbia.

There is still time for Columbia teen residents, ages 13 to 17, to submit original artwork illustrating their vision of this year's Sister Cities Young Artist Competition theme, *Your World: What Makes You, You?* Artwork should reflect how international travel and/or cultures and languages have influenced them and their community. Accepted media include watercolor; oils; pastels; pen and ink, charcoal; photography; mixed media and collage; as well as computer-generated art. All work must be two-dimensional. Artwork must be submitted by April 15 to Columbia Art Center. Entry forms are available at [ColumbiaArtCenter.org](http://ColumbiaArtCenter.org). For more information, please call Columbia Art Center at 410-730-0075. The Young Artist Competition is sponsored by Sister Cities International and locally by Columbia Art Center and CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs.

For more information on these programs and events, please contact Laura Smit, manager of CA's International Exchange & Multicultural Programs at 410-715-3162 or [International@ColumbiaAssociation.com](mailto:International@ColumbiaAssociation.com).

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