

May at the Raymond Village Library

At-a-Glance Calendar Items

Monday, May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd: Baby Storytime at 10:30am

Monday, May 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd: Coffee and Coloring at 5:30pm

Wednesday May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st: Preschool Storytime at 10:30am

Wednesday, May 3rd: Lego Club, 3:30-4:30pm

Wednesday, May 3rd: Gardening Simplified with Kerry Ann Mendez at 11:00am, *note venue change*

Wednesday, May 3rd: Herbs for Warm Weather Wellness with Deb Gideon at 6:30pm

Thursday, May 4th: Wind Over Wings Bird Day Presentation at 2:00pm

Wednesday, May 10th: Getting your Garden Started Right: Starting at the Ground Level

Monday, May 15th: Lawyer at the Library, 6:00 to 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 17th: Kids Make and Take Crafts at 12:30pm

Wednesday, May 17th: Permaculture Garden Design with Rachel Rumson at 6:30pm

Monday, May 22nd: Book Group at 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 24th: Author Doug Davis at 6:30pm

Special Events in May at the Raymond Village Library



Kerry Ann Mendez is an award-winning garden educator, author and design consultant based in southern Maine. In 2015 and 2016 she presented over 110 lectures each year to more than 10,000 gardeners in 16 states and Canada. To view her 2017 speaking schedule at prestigious venues please [click here](#). As an exceptionally popular educator and communicator she has received over 350 five-star reviews from her lecture audiences, which are available for review on the independent national website [GreatGardenSpeakers.com](#). In 2014 she received the Gold Medal award from the Massachusetts Horticultural Society for "Exceptional teaching and writing that increases public enjoyment and appreciation of horticulture."



Kerry Ann has been a featured speaker at botanical gardens, arboretums and horticultural societies in 16 states, including the U.S. Botanic Gardens, U.S. National Arboretum, Chicago Botanic Gardens, Longwood Gardens and many more. She has been a presenter and keynote speaker at Master Gardener conferences in 15 states plus dozens of flower shows including Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Connecticut and Rhode Island. In addition, she has been a frequent presenter at nursery and landscaping professional organizations and Green Industry events as well as many leading nurseries and garden centers. Kerry Ann's most recent book, *The Right-Size Flower Garden*, published by St. Lynn's Press, has been reviewed by over 40 publications nationwide and along with her other two titles have sold extremely well. Kerry Ann is the former Regional Vice President of the Garden Writers Association of America. Her monthly e-newsletter and blog go out to over 11,000 subscribers throughout the United States and Canada and her

Webinars (online lectures for personal garden education) are very popular. For more information regarding Kerry Ann Mendez please [click here](#).

"Gardening Simplified" with Kerry Ann Mendez

Wednesday, May 3rd at 11:00am

Please note: This event is being held at the Public Safety Building

The Raymond Garden Tour will be sponsoring a presentation by award-winning garden designer, author, and lecturer, Kerry Ann Mendez.

Her presentation, "Gardening Simplified" will be based on Kerry Ann's most recent best selling book "The Right-Size Flower Garden", which has been reviewed by over 40 national publications including The Washington Post, the Chicago Tribune, Detroit Free Press, San Francisco Chronicle, and other prestigious publications.

A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Copies of Mendez's book will be available for purchase and signing following the presentation.



**Herbs for Warm Weather Wellness
With Herbalist Deb Gideon**

Wednesday, May 3rd at 6:30pm

Spring is here! Time to think about using our allies from the plant kingdom to get us ready for warm days. Get to know some **warm weather tonics** to get rid of the winter blahs.

We'll taste some easy to make teas and sip a tea or two. Recipes included.

For more information or to sign-up for this free program, please contact the library at 655-4283 or by email to librarydirector@raymondvillagelibrary.org

Wind Over Wings Bird Day Presentation

Thursday, May 4th at 2:00pm



Wind Over Wings is a nonprofit, wildlife educational center featuring magnificent birds who are unable to survive in their natural environment.

Meet a Red-Shouldered Hawk, Great-Horned Owl, Saw-Whet Owl and a Common Raven here at the library!

“Experience the wonder of being a few feet away from a magnificent bird of prey or a rambunctious raven.”



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Lawyer at the Library

May 15th at 6:00pm

On Monday May 15th, Attorney Miklos Pongratz will be at the library to meet with people on a drop-in basis to answer legal questions and provide pro-bono advice. Attorney Pongratz will be at the library each month, on the third Monday from 6:00 to 7:00pm. No appointments necessary.



Getting your Garden Started Right: Starting at the Ground Level

With Master Gardeners Margie Thumm and Linda Pankowicz

May 10th at 5:30pm

The most important part of your garden is your soil. Learn what your garden needs from you so your garden can be the garden you want.

Come to the Library to talk with Master Gardeners about your garden. Linda and Margie are ready to show you how to get your garden started this spring. After an informal talk they will take your questions on any garden subject - vegetables and flowers and shrubs alike.



Rachael Rumson

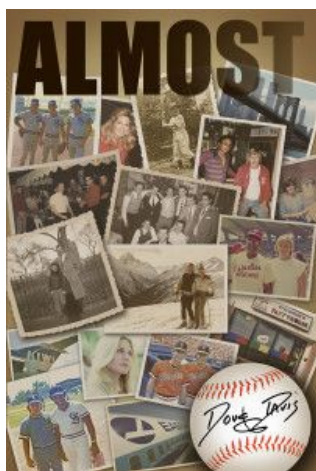
Permaculture Garden Design

May 17th 6:30 PM

Rumson is a skilled trainer and facilitator in multiple fields and after a traditional career in education, she was drawn to the study of permaculture and has spent the past three years working in Ecological Garden Design.

Ms. Rumson's talk is the second of three presentations preceding the *Raymond Garden Tour* which takes place June 24, with June 25 as a rain date.

This is a free program and open to the public. To register call the Raymond Village Library at 655-4283 or email librarydirector@raymondvillagelibrary.org

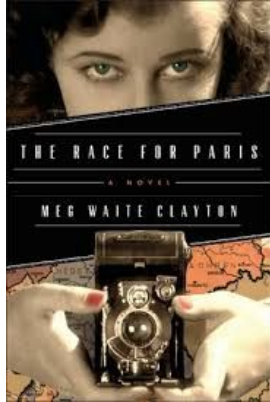


Author Doug Davis

May 24th at 6:30pm

Doug Davis considers himself an ordinary American guy who's led anything BUT an ordinary life. From the start of his days in a tenement walk-up on New York's Lower East Side through his current quiet life in the Maine countryside, the road between has seen roller-coaster scale ups and downs in an airline career, any number of entrepreneurial adventures that came SO close to huge successes, a glimpse into the belly of the beast on 9/11, and not one but two derailments en route to being a pro baseball player.

So many 'almosts,' but at the end of each was always a next adventure for a man whose unbeatable spirit kept him moving forward, always sure that the bad times were just bumps along the way in a life well-lived.



Book Group

May 22nd at 7:00pm

This month's book selection is *The Race for Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton. Please join us for a discussion of this dynamic World War II novel about two American journalists and an Englishman, who together race the Allies to Occupied Paris for the scoop of their lives.