

Advocating for your library!

Welcome! Each month, Jackson County Library Services is happy to send you, our Library Champions, some talking points about why our libraries are so great and what's going on that is worth mentioning to your friends, your family, and our community at-large!

This is our first TEST email and we are so excited to share it with you. If you know someone else who is wanting to spread the word on what's happening at the library, please forward them this email and encourage them to subscribe for monthly updates.

A community that reads together, stays together

Rogue Reads, the annual winter reading program from Jackson County Library Services, stands by this philosophy. Reading together--with your family, friends, and neighbors provides opportunities to learn about one another and amplify our commonalities in a truly unique way. This is the 5th year our winter reading program has launched! Don't forget to join the [Beanstack reading challenge for Rogue Reads](#) to keep track of your reading & collect unique badges for free with your library card!

ROGUE READS

JACKSON COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES

Join JCLS for a special in-person Author Talk with *New York Times* Bestselling Author, Ross Gay!



Thursday, February 20 - 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Medford Library, Large Meeting Room

Ross Gay is the author of four books of poetry: *Against Which*; *Bringing the Shovel Down*; *Be Holding*, winner of the PEN American Literary Jean Stein Award; and *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude*, winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. In addition to his poetry, Ross has released three collections of essays - *The Book of Delights* was released in 2019 and was a *New York Times* bestseller; *Inciting Joy* was released in 2022, and his newest collection, *The Book of (More) Delights* was released in September of 2023.

Books will be available for purchase following the talk.

This event is sponsored by the Jackson County Library Foundation.



Our newest Winter Event Guide is out NOW!

Event Guides only come out twice year - they highlight all the fun reading program related (and non-related) events that happen in those 3 months. Make sure to grab one from your local library to see what's going on and perhaps attend something fun and educational for yourself! You can also access the guide digitally [HERE](#).

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