



Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Redlou Library: We're very excited to introduce our students to the Redlou traveling library. This library is the vision of Mary Mulvaney-Kemp and her husband who will help us set up and upkeep a mini-library in the current Music Room. Attached is a brochure with more information about the library and a registration card for your family. After the card is returned, each family will be given a log-in code which the teachers will use to help check out and check in books. The students will be able to look through the books, choose ones to check out, and then take home in a Redlou library bag provided by the library. We hope to be able to start in March. Student requests and teacher suggestions for books will help keep the library personal to us. Please contact Mrs. Hytry with any questions or concerns.

Project Heifer update: With all the generous donations the Student Council voted to purchase two biogas stoves, two flocks of chicks, two bee hives, a share of a water buffalo, and we were still able to send a girl to school which will help give her and her family a way out of poverty. In our prayers we asked God to bless these gifts and the people who desperately need them. The generosity of St. Charles parents and community is truly a blessing.

PTO Updates:

- * **Trivia Sunday 2/22** - Do you have your team signed up?! Have you shared the flyer? If you need another flyer, call and/or email the office. Less than 2 weeks away!
- * **Spring Carnival 4/27** – Raffle tickets will be sent home next Wednesday. See handout "Parent Roles enclosed. Watch your email for a sign-up regarding donations - coming later this week.
- * **Fish Fry events- 3/7, 3/21 & 4/4** - will reach out for volunteer potato cleaners prior to each event and for people to serve at the events! A good crew makes for an even better event.
- * Next meeting **Tuesday, 3/4/25 at 5:30pm** (Fish Fry finalization, Spring Carnival). Hope to see you there.
- * **Question/Concerns:** touch base with **Jessie at (608) 780-1146 OR jbutterfly12384@gmail.com.**

RaiseRight (Megan Olson): Earn money back for the PTO by purchasing gift cards. If you need an order form, call the office (608) 689-2642. Either create an account on raiserright.com or download the Raise Right app. As always, you can use the app or website to immediately buy and use E-gift cards. Reach out to Megan Olson with any questions at 608-385-7815 or mjtrussoni@gmail.com

Taking care of the body God gave us: The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school. If your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible. We will go outside unless the real-feel temperature drops below 10 degrees, or at the teacher's discretion.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in once again collecting for the local food pantries! Bring in a nonperishable food item every Tuesday to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Middle School Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

De Soto Area Schools Alert Notification Information per De Soto instructions for school closures (new): School Alert Setup: De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi. with School Alert Notification Setup in the title. You will be added to the notification list to receive text and/or phone notification. (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

St Charles Facebook Page: " Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events.

Enclosures:

Redlou Library brochure
Redlou Library sign-up card to be returned
Spring Carnival Family Responsibilities

Dates to Remember:

February 14: No School, Teacher in-service
February 22: Trivia Night
February 28: Class Color Day (stay tuned for details)
March 7: Optional Parent-Teacher conferences
March 21: End of quarter (De Soto buses will **NOT** be running in the PM)
March 24: Diocesan In-service

February Birthdays

February 13: Rosemary Lavey
February 15: Augustine Olson
February 19: Dekker Eckes

PARENTS ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES



A colorful poster for a Spring Carnival. It features a blue and white striped tent with a sign that says "SPRING CARNIVAL". The background is yellow with yellow stars. Below the tent, there is a red banner with white stars that says "Sunday, April 27".

St. Charles School Fundraiser
707 Eagle St, Genoa, WI 54632
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Fun for the whole family!

FREE ADMISSION - FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE TICKETS
NEW CARNIVAL GAMES- BUCKET RAFFLE



Icons for various carnival games: a bucket of prizes, a cow, a yellow box, a target, a raffle ticket, and a golf ball.

All hands-on deck – parents! The following items are mandatory to support your child's education at St. Charles school. The spring carnival is approaching, and this is our biggest fundraiser. We need everyone to participate in the following:

- Sell raffle tickets!
- Buy jar game prizes.
- Make 4 cakes per family.
- Purchase scratch lottery tickets.
- Select one: set-up or tear down.
- Event shift: Each parent picks a shift to work.

Additional Family Participation:

The PTO is looking for interested individuals to solicit donations from local businesses.

Share the event on social media and hang the poster at a local place.

Note:

The jar game prizes have a \$10+ value, bring several in advance. Each family can purchase between \$5 - 15 in lottery tickets. Please reach out to PTO with questions – Jessie, Michelle R., Megan, Crystal, Ashley, or Michele T.

Purpose

- ❖ To serve children by providing services at daycare and other educational facilities
 - ❖ To serve children and youth who do not have adequate access to reading materials during the summer by providing services at a variety of locations
 - ❖ To serve residents at assisted-living, skilled nursing and memory care facilities
 - ❖ To serve individuals who have varying abilities and/or other challenges
 - ❖ To provide opportunities to check out and return materials in each of the above examples
- We welcome your ideas for expanding our services!*



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Building Community Through Literacy

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Gain a more complete understanding of our vision by viewing the brief video produced by Vernon Communications as well as other mobile library videos!

RedLou Library:

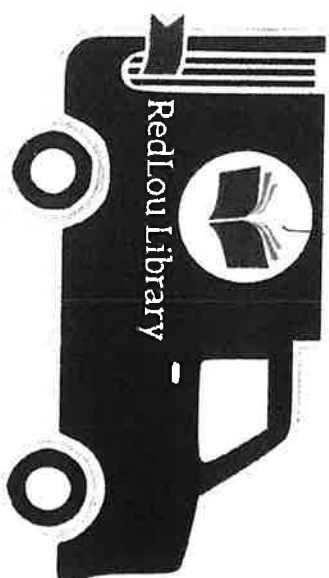
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H8P1W2XppYQ>

Snow-Isle Public Library:

<https://youtu.be/c5oa4JevSIs>

Skokie Public Library:

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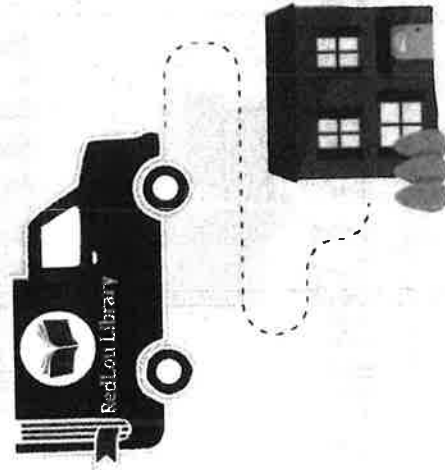


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Mission

The mission of RedLou Library is to provide special literary opportunities for individuals living in the greater Viroqua area. We accomplish this by providing a mobile library service for people of all ages. The idea to develop these services is the result of Mary Mulvaney-Kemp's experience as a reading specialist and librarian.

Why "RedLou"? The mobile library is named in honor of Mary Mulvaney-Kemp's dad (Red) and mom (Louise).



Sustainability

With more than **19,000** checkouts in 2023 (a 73% increase from 2022), we exceeded expectations! To help sustain and continue to grow our services, funding is needed to pay for recurring expenses including:

- **Collection** - children materials and large print books for adults
- **Supplies** - for book processing, containers, labels, etc.
- **Vehicle and lift maintenance** - for uninterrupted service to our patrons!
- **Insurance** - vehicle, collection, liability
- **Fuel** - gasoline for traveling to and from our many service sites
- **Licensing fee** - for our online catalog and check in/check out system



Support

- ❖ Volunteer at one or more of our service sites.
- ❖ Donate items through Amazon or from your personal collection. Contact us to learn how to do this.
- ❖ Financial contributions should be made out to: Viroqua Area Foundation. (Write, "**RedLou Fund**," on memo line.) Send to: **Viroqua Area Foundation**
PO Box 262
Viroqua, WI 54665
- ❖ With your support, RedLou Library can continue to build community through literacy for many years to come!

*RedLou, Inc. is a 501(c)(3)
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Please Print Neatly

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Complete Address _____

Contact Preference: Email Text

Phone _____ Email Address _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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