

Librarian's Report
For September 8, 2025 Meeting

1. RWE

From the June 6 email:

“RWE Clean Energy is developing a renewable energy project on the old Gateway mine in Sparta. Our project stands to generate millions of dollars in new tax revenue and some of this money will be going directly to the Sparta Library. We're excited to support your library and are also looking to find more ways to give back. We're open to donating books or sponsoring KidWind, a STEM-focused clean energy education program for students and teachers. Really, we want to find ways to contribute to the great work Sparta Library is doing for the community!”

Gateway Solar's website: <https://americas.rwe.com/our-energy/solar-energy/solar-projects-and-locations/gateway-solar-and-storage/>

2. Security Camera for Pre-school

Security Alarm installed a new security camera in the pre-school room on June 27.

3. Security Camera Updates & Quote

Security Alarm has given a quote to replace 5 of the older cameras and add one additional camera with wide-angle lenses. Currently, one more camera could be added without needing to replace the DVR. There's also a quote to replace the current DVR with a 16 channel DVR.

4. Per Capita Grant Information

The library received the Per Capita Grant check in the amount of \$6040.13.

5. Lazerware Fee Increase

On July 1, 2026, labor per computer or tablet will increase by \$2/month. Deep Freeze (the security for patron computers) will increase less than \$1/month each.

Note: The library has 5 staff computers, 9 patron computers and 10 laptops maintained by Lazerware.

6. Narcan Training

On September 3, Dr. Larry Fillingim, EdD, an overdose prevention specialist, gave two staff members and the director training on using Narcan. The training satisfies the requirement of the state for all library personnel to be trained to administer Narcan when a patron passes out and a drug overdose could be the reason. He also left Narcan for staff, the board and patrons to keep on hand.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Colbert on September 8, 2025