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## Grant warms Republic Library

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**REDSTONE TWP.** - It will be a bit easier to curl up with a good book this winter in Redstone Township, thanks to a Community Development Block Grant used to install a new heating and air-conditioning system at the Republic Library.

"We're glad to get some heat in here," said librarian Marge Wyatt. "Last year our furnace blew up and we didn't have any heat at all, so we closed."

Marge's husband, Lee, delivered books by the bagful to some of the library's regular customers last winter, asking them to bring them back once the weather warmed up and the library opened again.

"When we had our public needs meeting, Lee and Marge Wyatt came to our meeting and told us their situation. They'd had a coal-fired boiler that broke down last year," said Redstone Township Supervisor Ray Paris.

Paris said the supervisors looked into a new coal-fired system, but did not receive any bids.

A gas-fired system was installed instead.

Fayette County Redevelopment Authority assistant director Andrew French said additional work will be done at the library to make it more energy efficient.

"We discovered that the attic had no insulation in it whatsoever. We're going to have our weatherization crew put

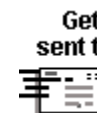
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the insulation in," French said.

The new system also includes air-conditioning for the main portion of the library. In all, the supervisors used about \$20,000 of their CDBG money for improvements at the library this year.

"This is the second time we've used CDBG money for the library. Five or six years ago, we put in new windows and doors," Paris said.

The library is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays 2 to 4 p.m.

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