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## Energizing Education: OG&E Donates Supplies to Oklahoma Teachers

Electric utility provides over \$100,000 in classroom materials to schools across the state



**Left:** Mary "The Fox" Johnson, Ardmore Middle School social studies teacher, at OG&E's teacher pop-up shop, where she was the winner of a brand-new computer donated by the electric utility.

**Top Right:** (Left to right) Jeannie Troxel, OG&E Senior Education Program Manager, helps Alva Middle School teachers Chesnei Thomas, Carly Williams, Jaci Heaton and Baylei Hada shop for classroom supplies.

**Bottom Right:** Sky (left) and her mom, Kaci Kennedy-Boydston (right), at the El Reno teacher pop-up shop.

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**OKLAHOMA CITY (Sept. 2, 2022)** – With the new school year underway, it's more important than ever for classrooms to be stocked up on school supplies. However, many families struggle to afford school materials, and too often teachers end up paying out-of-pocket for these critical supplies. To alleviate this financial burden on Oklahoma teachers, Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) hosted nine free pop-up shops across the state over the past month, ensuring local teachers have the supplies they need for students to succeed.

Volunteers from the electric utility, as well as representatives from community partners like United Way and school district officials, distributed important school supplies like paper, binders, scissors, glue and more to teachers across Oklahoma.

“When classrooms lack proper supplies, it diminishes the educational opportunities we can offer our students,” said Cary Myers, a social studies teacher and the head cross-country coach at El Reno High School. “I know I speak for all of us teachers when I say we are so appreciative of OG&E’s generosity. It’s gratifying to know we have such fantastic community partners who prioritize the education of Oklahoma children!”

Pop-up shops were hosted in Tishomingo, Fort Gibson, El Reno, Shawnee, Poteau, Alva, Sapulpa, Woodward and Ardmore. In total, OG&E provided over \$100,000 of vital school supplies to multiple Oklahoma school districts. This is the third year OG&E has hosted teacher pop-up shops.

“Building a better future for our community starts with investing in our youth,” said Tim Thompson, OG&E community affairs manager. “By ensuring teachers and students have the tools required to be successful in the classroom, we are strengthening future generations and highlighting the importance of education. It’s a very important responsibility that none of us take lightly.”

All donated supplies for the teacher pop-up shops were purchased from Shawnee-based South Central Industries, a nonprofit that employs individuals with developmental disabilities.

“The impact of having adequate classroom supplies cannot be overstated,” said Tim Argo, Superintendent of Alva Public Schools. “This donation means teachers can focus on providing a well-rounded education to our kids rather than having to finance these critical materials on their own. We’re so grateful to OG&E for their dedication to Alva teachers and students!”

Donating resources to classrooms is just one example of OG&E’s commitment to educational stewardship. Whether it’s scholarships, classroom project funding or student safety programs, OG&E is dedicated to education investment. For more information on how the organization supports Oklahoma schools, visit [oge.com/education](https://oge.com/education).

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