

# Painting Success in the Library



## ***Operation Round Up Teacher Mini-Grant Provides Cotton Center ISD with New Books and a Mural***

**T**he Operation Round Up Board of Directors initiated a program offering small, \$500 grants to teachers. Grants were available to K-12 teachers in reading or social studies for the 2017-2018 school year. The funds are made available by South Plains Electric members who ask to have their monthly bill rounded up to the next dollar. The extra change, averaging only \$6 per year, funds projects like the teacher mini-grants, scholarships and much more.

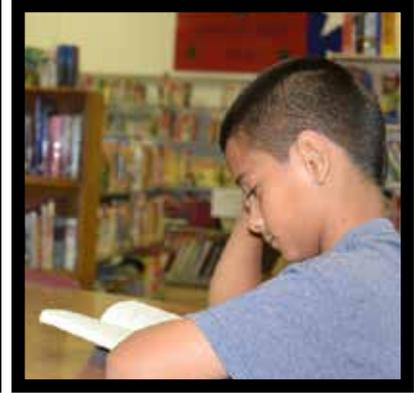
Operation Round Up was established in 1993 to help communities and individuals needing a hand up, not a hand out. The program's tagline, "neighbors helping neighbors," is at the heart of why South Plains Electric Cooperative exists.

During the past 25 years, Operation Round Up has helped hundreds of individuals and organizations. Many donations go unpublicized out of respect for the individual recipients. Operation Round Up, under the guidance of a 10-member board, sometimes works quietly to improve members' lives.

Ten teacher mini-grants were awarded for the 2017-2018 school year. The recipients were: Amanda Campbell, Abernathy ISD; Ollie Hart, Abernathy ISD; Margaret Hernandez, Cotton Center ISD; Cynthia Walden, Cotton Center ISD; Ida Cisneros, Frenship ISD; Ashley Teague, Frenship ISD; Laura Cueto, Lubbock-Cooper ISD; Bruce Lange, Lubbock-Cooper ISD; Kerri Tosi, Lubbock-Cooper ISD; Lisa Scott, Shallowater ISD.

If all of our members were participating in Operation Round Up, we would have over \$200,000 a year to give back to our local communities. You can sign up for Operation Round Up online or call 806.775.7766. You may also sign up by checking the Operation Round Up box on your monthly bill.

**Margaret Hernandez is the librarian at Cotton Center ISD. With her \$500 mini-grant, Hernandez purchased *new books* for reading and *paint* to create a mural on the library wall.**



“It just brightens up the place,” Hernandez said. “The bright colors make the kids happy and want to be here to read and learn.”

Over the summer, with the help of another teacher and some students, they hand-painted each section of the mural. Hernandez said the freshly-painted mural on the library wall gives off positive and encouraging vibes to her students to keep reading.

“The kids love it,” Hernandez said. “Thank you so much, South Plains Electric.”

*We are so thankful!*