

Community Partner: Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library: Children's and Youth Services

Team name: Boom!

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The Boom! Action Team completed 180 hours of service to the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library: Children's and Youth Services, logged 81 visits, and traveled 209 miles during the fall semester of 2008. The purpose of their work was "to make the Starkville-Oktibbeha County Public Library a more inviting place for kids in the community. Also, to plan an event that will focus on one specific book and show kids that reading can be fun and interesting." The Boom! Action Team addressed their purpose by creating an event to publicize the children's book, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, for the children in the community and assisted the library with other aspects, such as the Young Adults Book Club, arts and crafts, shelving books, and catalog book summaries. The Boom! team realized their project benefit to their community partner, "Everything intended for the project was accomplished: t-shirt design, cake (donated), advertisement, and the main event. Our team's involvement has benefited the library by promoting 1) literacy 2) teamwork (ourselves and the kids) and 3) social skills. The overall success of our community service has fostered close ties between families and the Starkville Public Library."