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Bedtime Math Showcases Fun Math for Libraries at ALA Midwinter

Libraries Can Sign Up to Host a Crazy 8s Math Club and Join Summer of Numbers Program

SUMMIT, N.J. – Bedtime Math, creator of wacky nightly math problems for kids, will feature two of its offerings for libraries – Crazy 8s Club and Summer of Numbers – at the [2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting](#). Bedtime Math is a national nonprofit known for its mission to get kids to love math as much as playtime or dessert.

[Crazy 8s](#) is a high-energy after-school math club designed to get kids fired up about math. Clubs meet on a weekly basis for groups of 10-20 kids at two age levels: grades 3-5 and K-2. Unlike the established, competitive, test-oriented clubs, Crazy 8s has an energy and playfulness that can appeal to any kid – not just those who already love math. Activities like Toilet Paper Olympics and Bouncy Dice Explosion show kids that math is approachable, tangible, and fun.

Bedtime Math provides a **free club kit** with nearly all materials, including simple instructions for each session. Some of the more unwieldy, hard-to-ship items may need to be purchased by the library but incur minimal costs – no more than \$75 for a full 8-week season. Additionally, a coach will need to be recruited to run the club.

The response has been overwhelming since Crazy 8s launched in spring 2014. With more than 2,000 clubs teed up to serve over 30,000 kids, it may well be the nation's largest math club for elementary-age children.

Bedtime Math and the Collaborative Summer Learning Program (CSLP) will once again offer [Summer of Numbers](#) to more than 16,000 libraries nationwide as a companion to its 2015 summer children's program, "Every Hero Has a Story." Just like last year, Summer of Numbers will feature a connect-the-dot constellation chart giving kids the chance to fill in three different constellations using their shiny gold star stickers. Kids can visit www.bedtimemath.org or download the Bedtime Math app for iOS or Android to get zany daily math riddles – all for free. The constellation chart and star stickers will be sold exclusively through CSLP. All items are being sold at cost – charts and stickers for 100 kids cost just \$19. Ordering information is available at www.shopcslp.com.

Crazy 8s and Summer of Numbers were created by Bedtime Math Foundation, a private operating foundation funded by charitable donations made by private donors. The foundation's resources are used to advance the mission of helping kids learn to love math. All proceeds from the sale of both Bedtime Math books are used to help offset the cost of producing and distributing Crazy 8s and other Bedtime Math programs.

"It's time to make math accessible to all kids who like math, not just kids who already excel at it," said Laura Overdeck, founder of Bedtime Math. "Kids need strong math skills to become capable adults, not just to fill high-tech jobs. We need to position math as fun and accessible to counteract the fear of tackling numbers in everyday life and fend off our nation's math-phobic culture. Crazy 8s and Summer of Numbers are just two ways to help kids love math, so they will embrace it at school and excel at it."

Bedtime Math invites ALA members to stop by booth 1629 to learn more about their programming. For more information about Bedtime Math, please contact Sandy LoPiccolo, Director of Communications, at sandy@bedtimemath.org.

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About Bedtime Math

Bedtime Math is a nonprofit organization that seeks to put the fun and discovery back into learning math. Its core product is a zany daily online math problem that parents can do with their kids, to make nightly math as common and beloved as the bedtime story. Bedtime Math has since expanded to create lively, hands-on math experiences for kids at home, in libraries, and in after-school programs nationwide. For more information, please visit www.bedtimemath.org.