

# **HAIGHTS CROSS COMMUNICATIONS**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Recorded Books Provides Services, Programs, and Products to California Libraries**

Prince Frederick, MD—March 18, 2010—Recorded Books, LLC, the world’s largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today said that it is offering cost-effective delivery of services, programs, and products to 230 libraries in California through its new strategic relationship with Califa Library Group, a not-for-profit membership cooperative serving libraries and information organizations in California.

“We are pleased that Recorded Books has passed the Califa vendor approval process,” said Jim Schmidt, Recorded Books Vice President of Business Development. “This partnership with Califa is important to us. We have always felt that our education- and entertainment-focused online databases are great value services for libraries and patrons alike. We look forward to working with Califa to bring these services to California libraries at a reasonable cost.”

Comprised of over 230 member libraries, Califa’s interactive website provides members with up-to-date information on products and services. This unique site allows Recorded Books to deliver updated product information and special offers directly to members. Special discounts are available for being a Califa member and for subscribing to multiple databases. Current Recorded Books databases include One Click downloadable audiobooks, Byki Online language service, and ePrep video SAT/ACT test prep and homework help. Recorded Books has plans to offer Califa members additional entertainment and information databases in the first half of 2010.

“Califa is very pleased to be working with Recorded Books to bring their unique and exciting suite of database products to our members,” said Heather Teysko, Califa Manager.

#### **About CALIFA:**

Califa provides cost effective delivery of services, programs, and products through a membership network of California libraries. The Califa Group is a membership-based

service bureau designed to provide member-enhanced, value-added services to all California libraries. On behalf of its members, Califa brokers and facilitates the delivery of products and services. The Califa Group also sponsors statewide projects such as Librarians' Internet Index, California Library Catalog, and the California Digital Collections. Califa is a 501 c3 non-profit public corporation under the laws of California, in order to accept tax-deductible donations and foundation grants for library programs.

**About Recorded Books:**

Recorded Books, LLC, a Hights Cross Communications company, produces and distributes unabridged audiobooks and other audio products to public and university libraries and schools on CD, cassette and Playaway digital player. Over 9,000 titles are available for adults, children, and young adults in English and Spanish languages narrated by professional, award-winning actors. Recorded Books also distributes music, educational lectures, independent films, and nonfiction films on DVD. Packaging is designed for high circulation. One-year warranty, cataloging, processing, and free MARC records are available. For more information, visit [www.recordedbooks.com](http://www.recordedbooks.com).

**About Hights Cross Communications:**

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross Communications is a premier educational and library publisher dedicated to creating the finest books, audio products, periodicals, software and online services, serving the following markets: K-12 supplemental education, public and school libraries, and consumers. Hights Cross companies include: Triumph Learning, Buckle Down Publishing and Options Publishing, and Recorded Books. For more information, visit [www.hightscross.com](http://www.hightscross.com). Triumph Learning is HCC's test-preparation and intervention business and is comprised of its *Coach*, *Buckle Down*, and *Options* brands. Recorded Books is a leading publisher of unabridged audiobooks and other audio media for libraries, schools, and consumers, with operations in the U.S., U.K. and Australia.

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