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Minnesota Public Libraries Go Online for Language Learning

Recorded Books' Byki Online: Library Edition Allows Public Libraries to Offer Their Patrons Innovative Online Language Learning

Prince Frederick, MD—April 5, 2010—Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today said that the Minnesota-based cooperative MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency) has launched Recorded Books' new online language learning system designed specifically for public libraries, Byki Online: Library Edition, for all its member libraries.

MELSA, based in St. Paul, MN, consists of 103 libraries in eight library systems in the twin city metro area: Hennepin County Library, Dakota County Library, Washington County Library, Anoka County Library, Ramsey County Library, St. Paul Public Library, Carver County Library, and Scott County Library.

“Recorded Books is delighted that MELSA and other major public library systems and consortia are eagerly embracing Byki Online as a cost-effective, highly popular language learning tool for patrons of all ages,” said Scott Williams, President of Recorded Books.

With over 80 languages available, library patrons are able to access the Byki Online system remotely and users have an unprecedented number of learning options. Byki's desktop software features listening, reading, speaking, and writing exercises as well as speech analysis to improve pronunciation skills. Individual progress tracking and assessment tests help identify areas for improvement and move users in the right direction.

In addition to comprehensive language learning tools, Byki's world language community services offer popular options users can access anytime. One-click access to Facebook and Twitter communities and Byki Blogs allow patrons to read articles written by experts from all over the world and learn more about the language itself and the culture that surrounds it. Libraries can easily control remote access through their own administrative site, which offers comprehensive reporting and online technical support options.

Executive Director of MELSA, Chris Olson, said “We are excited to have the opportunity to offer Byki Online Language program for our member libraries. We were impressed with the number of available languages as well as the functionality of the service.”

Regional Sales Manager of Recorded Books, Craig Mears, also based in St. Paul, MN, worked with MELSA on the introduction of the Byki Online Language program. “I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with MELSA on this project, and to have Byki available to all library patrons in the Twin Cities. I have worked with the MELSA libraries for ten years and I am expecting Byki to perform very well for them.”

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.

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