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Recorded Books Offers Online Technology-Based Services to OHIONET Member Libraries

Prince Frederick, MD—June 15, 2010—Recorded Books, LLC, the world’s largest independent producer of audiobooks and a Hights Cross Communications company, today said that it has launched a trial service to provide multiple online products and services to OHIONET member libraries. The offerings include Recorded Books’ online language-learning system, Byki Online: Library Edition; ePrep Test Preparation; and One-Click Audio. OHIONET serves over 300 academic, public, school, and special libraries in Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania.

“Recorded Books welcomes the opportunity to introduce OHIONET member libraries to our advanced online technology-based products and services,” said Scott Williams, president of Recorded Books. “Today’s library patrons, particularly younger patrons, are demanding online, downloadable services. Recorded Books’ strategy is to partner with successful technology providers to make emerging services easily available.”

Recorded Books said its Byki Online system offers comprehensive online language instruction in over 80 languages. Library patrons can access the Byki Online system remotely. Byki’s desktop software features listening, reading, speaking, and writing exercises as well as speech analysis to improve pronunciation skills.

Recorded Books’ ePrep test preparation software allows students to prepare for the SAT, ACT, PSAT, PLAN and SSAT from their school, home, or public library.

Recorded Books’ One-Click Audio service provides libraries with easy access to an expansive collection of downloadable eAudiobooks to support the needs of teachers and readers. Its NetLibrary Media Center features an easy-to-use interface with streamlined navigation, fast downloads, automatic software updates, and support for a wide range of portable devices. One-Click Audio is available through yearly subscription plans.

About OHIONET: OHIONET is a library membership organization of academic, public, school and special libraries in Ohio, West Virginia, and western Pennsylvania. OHIONET is a member-funded, 501(c)(3) corporation. OHIONET offers services to meet members’ needs, such as technology management solutions, including web and

proxy hosting; discount programs for electronic resources, equipment, and supplies; billing and training support for OCLC services; and continuing education programs on topics such as library trends and issues, OCLC products and services, and electronic resources.

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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