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Recorded Books Introduces Language-Learning Software Designed to Circulate in Public Libraries

Prince Frederick, MD, October 29, 2009—Recorded Books, LLC, the world's largest independent publisher of unabridged audiobooks, and a Hights Cross Communications company, has partnered with Transparent Language, a leading provider of best-practice language learning software, to introduce Transparent Language Library Edition, a new language-learning software program specifically designed to circulate outside of public libraries. The new program is currently available for purchase by libraries in 16 languages.

Recorded Books' Transparent Language Library Edition software is the first software designed to circulate outside of a public library. The software is loaded on a USB drive with microchip security. The microchip acts as a key that allows patrons to check out, install, and use the software on their home computer.

“Copyright protection has always been an issue with computer software in libraries. Lending software that comes on a disk is problematic. The software can be easily copied from one computer to another, essentially violating the copyright of the software publisher,” says Jim Schmidt, Vice President of Business Development for Recorded Books. “Our new media technology guarantees copyright protection. A patron can install a full working copy of the software on their computer that tracks and records their progress through the program. However, the program can only be used if the patron checks out the key from the library,” Schmidt explains.

Transparent Language Library Edition's main program screen is modeled after a book for simplicity and a fun, interactive experience. The book interface provides easy-to-follow chapters and pages for lessons to help users find their way around the program. Learning methods include a flashcard vocabulary builder, audio lessons, speech recognition analysis, and interactive video dialogs to create an immersive language-learning environment.

For more information regarding Recorded Books' Transparent Language Library Edition please contact libraries@recordedbooks.com or call 1-877-732-2898.

About Transparent Language

Transparent Language is a leading provider of best-practice language learning software for consumers, government agencies, educational institutions, and businesses. Since 1991, Transparent Language has helped millions of individuals learn new languages quickly, easily, and effectively. Working with distinguished language acquisition experts and thousands of native speakers around the world, Transparent Language is committed to producing language learning solutions of the highest quality at reasonable prices.

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, Playaway digital player, and in downloadable formats. 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 language-learning programs, music, educational lectures, and independent and nonfiction films on DVD. Downloadable videos are also available for libraries. Packaging is designed for high circulation. One-year warranty, cataloging, processing, and free MARC records are available. For more information, please visit www.recordedbooks.com

About Hights Cross:

Founded in 1997 and based in White Plains, NY, Hights Cross Communications (HCC) 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. 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. For more information, please visit www.hightscross.com.

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