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DUBLIN, Ohio, February 12, 2007—NetLibrary, a division of OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc., and a leading platform for eContent to libraries worldwide, has launched a new purchase model for its growing collection of eAudiobooks.

Librarians now have the option to add individual titles to their collections from leading publishers including Random House, Blackstone Audio, and many more to come. In addition, librarians will still have the option to purchase a complete collection of eAudiobooks from Recorded Books through an annual subscription.

"Adding the option for libraries to purchase titles individually from world-class publishers gives libraries the freedom and flexibility to customize the eAudiobook experience for their users to meet specific needs," said Rich Rosy, Vice President of Content Management, OCLC. "The new model allows libraries to purchase eAudiobooks the same way they purchase eBooks."

Librarians can choose from more than 2,000 eAudiobook titles from Random House and Blackstone Audio, including best-selling contemporary and classic fiction, page-turning mysteries and many award-winning authors.

The Books on Tape collection from Random House includes bestselling and award-winning spoken-word material ranging from adult unabridged fiction and nonfiction, to children's eAudiobooks from Listening Library, to self-study foreign language programs from Living Language. New releases are added to the catalog monthly.

Authors featured in the initial list from Books on Tape include: Mitch Albom; Maya Angelou; Jane Austen; Ann Brashares; Libba Bray; Meg Cabot; Kate DiCamillo; Charles Dickens; William Faulkner; Sue Grafton; Carl Hiaasen; John Irving; Jonathan Kellerman; Dean Koontz; Lois Lowry; Mary Pope Osborne; Phillip Pullman; Anna Quindlen; Anne Rice; Louis Sachar; Jerry Spinelli; Danielle Steel; and Jules Verne, to name a few.

Bestselling titles from Blackstone Audio include: The Civil War; Mere Christianity; The Aubrey/Maturin Series, Beyond Band of Brothers; Charlie Wilson's War, and A Confederacy of Dunces, among many others. Current releases include: The Legend of the Wandering King, a CBC/NSTA Outstanding International Book for 2006; The Secret River, the 2006 Commonwealth Writer's Prize winner and a shortlisted title for the Man Booker Prize; The Sherlock Holmes Theatre, Blackstone Audio's 2005 Audie Award winner for Best Drama; The Prestige, winner of the World Fantasy Award; and many more.

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