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Perseus Books Group to Distribute E-books through ebrary

September 15, 2008 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary®, a leading provider of e-content services and technology, today announced that Perseus Books Group will make thousands of digital titles available on the ebrary platform to libraries worldwide through Perseus’ new innovative Constellation service. Available under subscription and perpetual access models, the new selection will span a variety of academic subject areas and feature titles from publishers such as Basic Books, Basic Civitas, Da Capo Press, Westview Press, and Public Affairs, as well as titles from participating client publishers that are distributed representing Perseus Distribution, Consortium Book Sales, and Publisher's Group West.

“ebrary offers a unique opportunity for our group of publishers to distribute titles under flexible payment and access models,” said Joe Mangan, Chief Operating Officer of The Perseus Books Group. “Additionally, with ebrary’s sophisticated technology, they can be assured that their content is delivered to the end-user via an interface that is easy to use and includes rich tools that enhance the research process. We are thrilled to make our e-books and other authoritative materials available online through ebrary.”

“Perseus is a highly innovative company that is committed to enabling their group of publishers to reach their potential,” said Leslie Lees, ebrary’s Vice President of Strategic Market Development. “We are proud to help Perseus fulfill this commitment by distributing their titles to our global customer base. At the same time, we are excited to offer our customers a wider selection of high value e-books and other content from Perseus publishers.”

Key Features and Benefits of ebrary's Technology:

- Ability to purchase individual titles, subscribe to collections, and host an institution's own content online using a single, easy-to-use interface.
- The ebrary Reader™, available as an Active X or Java-based program, streams documents, eliminating cumbersome document downloads.
- ebrary InfoTools™ integrates content in the ebrary system with the online resources of libraries' choice.
- Multiple search options.
- Personal bookshelves automatically store links to bookmarks, highlights, and notes, providing an archive of research.
- Automatic citations when text is printed or copied and pasted into Word or any text application. Citations include an automatic URL hyperlink back to the source.
- Highlighting and annotating.
- Ability to transform text into a hyperlink to a URL of the end-user's choice.
- Multiple ways to navigate throughout a document or the entire selection.
- Reporting tools and usage statistics.

About the Perseus Books Group

The Perseus Books Group is an independent company committed to enabling independent publishers to reach their potential whether those publishers are Perseus-owned, joint ventures or owned by third parties. Member publishing programs include Avalon Travel, Basic Books, Basic Civitas, Da Capo Press, Da Capo Lifelong Books, Running Press, Seal Press, Vanguard Press and Westview Press, as well as partnerships with PublicAffairs and with Nation Books. Through Consortium, Perseus Distribution and Publishers Group West, the Perseus Books Group is the leading provider of sales, marketing, distribution, and digital services to independent publishers. For more information, visit our websites at www.perseusbooks.com, www.perseusdigital.com/constellation.

About ebrary (www.ebrary.com)

ebrary® is a leading provider of e-content services and technology. The company helps libraries, publishers, and other organizations worldwide disseminate valuable information to end-users, while improving their research and document interaction.

The company has developed a flexible e-content platform, which customers may use in a number of different, integrated capacities: ebrary customers may purchase or subscribe to e-books and other content under a variety of pricing and access models, and they may license the ebrary platform to distribute, sell, and market their own content online. All options are delivered using a customizable interface and include the ebrary Reader™ with InfoTools™ software, which enable integration with other resources to provide an economical and efficient way to utilize information.

ebrary currently offers a growing selection of more than 170,000 e-books and other titles from more than 300 leading publishers and aggregators.

Founded in 1999, ebrary is privately held and is headquartered in Palo Alto, CA.

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