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Media Source Announces New Ownership

Plain City, Ohio--July 18, 2014--Media Source, Inc. the parent company of Junior Library Guild, *Library Journal*, *School Library Journal*, and The Horn Book announced a change in ownership today.

In a message to MSI employees CEO Randall J Asmo stated, "I am pleased to announce that the private equity firm, The Vistria Group has purchased Media Source, Inc. from RLJ Equity Partners. Vistria was attracted to MSI because of its strength and reputation in the library market, our staff and the superior financial performance of the company."

Asmo continued, "Vistria is a private equity firm focused on investing in mid-size, high potential education, healthcare and financial service companies in North America. MSI's senior management has spent a great deal of time with the Vistria leadership and we are excited about their desire to invest in Media Source, Inc. to support our continued growth.

The change in ownership will be undetectable to the company's customers, advertisers, and vendors. There are no plans for staff or management changes as a result of the sale.

Media Source, Inc., serves the library community by combining school and public library expertise with access to some of the most respected brands and best minds in the world of children's and young adult literature, collection development, and library management. Subsidiary companies include: Junior Library Guild, The Horn Book, *Library Journal* and *School Library Journal*.

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