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Author Solutions Acquires Self Publisher Xlibris

*Self Publishing Powerhouse Strengthens Industry Leadership;
ASI's Library Now Includes Nearly 100,000 Titles from more than 70,000 Authors*

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (Jan. 9, 2009) – [Author Solutions](http://www.authorsolutions.com), Inc. (ASI), the world leader in the fastest-growing segment of [book publishing](#), announced Thursday the acquisition of [Xlibris](#) – a pioneering leader in print-on-demand self publishing services. [Kevin Weiss](#), ASI president and chief executive officer, made the announcement to Xlibris employees.

“ASI is pleased to add Xlibris to our industry-leading portfolio of self publishing brands,” said Weiss. “This acquisition solidifies our leadership position and strengthens our ongoing commitment to offer the world’s most comprehensive set of publishing, promotion and book-selling services to authors.”

Xlibris joins AuthorHouse, iUniverse, Wordclay and Inkubook in ASI’s expanding family of self publishing brands. According to Weiss, “Xlibris brings a demonstrated expertise in marketing services, which perfectly complements the strength of AuthorHouse’s publishing and illustration services and iUniverse’s industry-leading editorial services. Both first-time and mid-list authors, writing in all genres, will find one of our brands offers the services they need to accomplish their publishing goals.”

With the addition of Xlibris, ASI published nearly 19,000 titles in 2008; or about one of every seven U.S. titles in the print-on-demand/short run category and nearly one of every 20 new titles in distribution.

Weiss added, “From the outset we believed ASI could help lead the way in transforming the publishing industry. This acquisition gives us an even stronger base from which to help both authors and publishing companies compete successfully today and in the future.”

For more information about Author Solutions, or to begin publishing your book today through one of the ASI publishing brands, log on to www.authorsolutions.com, or call 1-877-655-1722.

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About Xlibris

Xlibris, a self publishing brand of Author Solutions, Inc., was founded in 1997 and is one of the leading publishing services providers for authors. Based in Philadelphia, PA, Xlibris provides authors with a broad set of publishing options including hardcover, trade paperback, custom leather-bound, and full-color formats. Since its founding, Xlibris has published more than 20,000 titles. For more information on publishing your book with Xlibris, visit www.xlibris.com, or call 1-888-795-4247.