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VISUAL ADVISORY

Books-A-Million to host Midnight Release Party for "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child" on Saturday, July 30

Media invited to capture armored action at Lakeland location during Dunbar sealed book drop prior to reveal

TAMPA, Fla. (July 27, 2016) – Aparecium! Let the countdown begin ... the removal of the invisibility cloak on the latest installment of the Harry Potter series is just days away! July 31 marks the official script book release of "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – Parts I & II," the theatrical eighth installment of JK Rowling's best-selling Harry Potter series, premiering as a play on London's West End stage. To celebrate the launch of the latest chapter of this spellbinding saga, Books-A-Million is treating fans to an action-packed Harry Potter Midnight Release Party on Saturday, July 30 at all locations! General festivities begin at 2 p.m. and include Harry Potter trivia contests, Marauder's Map scavenger hunts, wand crafts and more before the official countdown event starts at 9 p.m. with Sorting Hat ceremonies, costume contests and other Potter-themed activities.

Exclusively for the Lakeland, Fla., Books-A-Million store, located at 1520 Town Center Drive in Lakeside Village, media are invited to film the armored Dunbar truck unload the sealed Harry Potter books into the store prior to the reveal at midnight. The Dunbar truck will unload the books between **5-6 p.m.** Out of the more than 250 store locations across 32 states, the Lakeland, Fla., Books-A-Million location has sold the most Harry Potter pre-sales than any other store across the country.

WHAT: Harry Potter Midnight Release Party

Visuals:

- Exclusive look at Harry Potter books being unloaded from the Dunbar truck
- Sorting Hat ceremony
- Wand crafts
- Costume contest

WHEN: Saturday, July 30

- General festivities begin at 2 p.m. and the official countdown starts at 9 p.m.
- The Dunbar armored truck will be onsite to unload books between 5-6 p.m.

WHERE: Books-A-Million Lakeland

Lakeside Village

1520 Town Center Drive Lakeland, FL 33803

HOW: Contact Chelsea Bohannon at 404-233-3993 (office) or 678-416-2483 (cell) to confirm

attendance during the book unloading or to schedule an interview with an onsite representative

INFO: Visit booksamillion.com/harrypotter to learn more