# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION <br> WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549 

FORM 8-K

## CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 20, 2007

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| DELAWARE | $000-19860$ | $13-3385513$ |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction | (Commission | (I.R.S. Employer |
| of Incorporation) | File Number) | Identification No.) |

557 BROADWAY, NEW YORK,
10012 NEW YORK
(Zip Code)
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(212) 343-6100
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former Name or Former address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition
On September 20, 2007, Scholastic Corporation issued the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 announcing its results of operations for its quarter ended August 31, 2007.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibits, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any of Scholastic's filings with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Not applicable
(b) Not applicable

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION
(Registrant)
/s/ Maureen O'Connell
Name: Maureen O'Connell
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer

## Number Exhibit

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99.1 Press release of Scholastic Corporation, dated September 20, 2007

Scholastic Announces Fiscal 2008 First Quarter Results
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Achieves Record Sales and High Sell-Through

Strong Results Position Company to Meet Plan, Invest in Long-Term Growth

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 20, 2007--Scholastic Corporation (NASDAQ: SCHL) today reported results for the fiscal first quarter ended August 31, 2007 and affirmed its outlook for fiscal 2008.

Revenue in the first quarter was $\$ 586.9$ million, up $75 \%$ from the prior year period, due in large part to phenomenal sales of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, which was released on July 21, 2007. Net loss for the quarter was $\$ 2.8$ million or $\$ 0.07$ per share. This compares to a net loss of $\$ 46.9$ million or $\$ 1.12$ per share in the first quarter of fiscal 2007. Scholastic typically records a loss in its fiscal first quarter, when most schools are not in session and its School Book Clubs and Fairs generate minimal revenue.
"This summer Scholastic again broke publishing records with the launch of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Exceptional promotion and marketing combined with overwhelmingly favorable publicity resulted in unprecedented sales, while efficient distribution and execution helped us achieve high sell-through and improved margins. Sales of READ 180(R) and educational technology also rose solidly in their primary selling season, reflecting Scholastic's continued success raising student achievement," commented Richard Robinson, Chairman, CEO and President. "These positive first quarter results position us well to meet our fiscal 2008 goals while making planned investments to drive long-term growth, in particular in our education and children's book businesses, and progress toward our 9 to 10\% operating margin goal."

As previously announced, in fiscal 2008 the Company expects total revenue of approximately $\$ 2.3$ to $\$ 2.5$ billion, earnings per diluted share of $\$ 2.35$ to $\$ 2.85$ and free cash flow of $\$ 80$ to $\$ 100$ million.

## First Quarter Segment Results

Children's Book Publishing and Distribution. Segment revenue for the quarter was $\$ 342.5$ million, up over $200 \%$ from the prior year period. Harry Potter(R) trade revenue increased to approximately \$240 million from $\$ 5$ million in last year's first quarter, reflecting the successful launch of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, as well as higher sales of the first six Harry Potter titles. This factor significantly benefited segment operating profit for the quarter, which improved to $\$ 2.7$ million compared to a loss of $\$ 67.3$ million a year ago.

Educational Publishing. Segment revenue for the quarter was $\$ 127.8$ million, level with the prior year period. Educational technology sales rose 9\% largely due to solid sales of READ 180 and FASTT Math(TM). This was offset by schools' continued weak spending on supplemental materials, which resulted in lower sales in Paperbacks and Library Publishing. Segment operating profit was $\$ 30.6$ million compared to $\$ 32.7$ million in the first quarter of last year, primarily reflecting lower revenue in Paperbacks and planned investments in the sales organization.

International. Segment revenue for the quarter was $\$ 99.6$ million, up 26\% (17\% in local currencies) from the prior year period. Segment operating loss improved to $\$ 2.7$ million compared to $\$ 5.5$ million in the prior year period, primarily due to strong export sales of Harry Potter and improved results in Australia and Asia.

Media, Licensing and Advertising. Segment revenue for the quarter rose $8 \%$ to $\$ 17.0$ million, due in part to higher sales of interactive products. Segment operating loss improved to $\$ 5.1$ million from $\$ 6.1$ million in the prior year period, primarily reflecting additional deliveries of television programming for which expenses had already been amortized.

Other Financial Results. Corporate overhead in the quarter was $\$ 20.3$ million compared to $\$ 19.9$ million in the prior year period, reflecting higher Harry Potter-related expenses, partly offset by
company-wide efforts to reduce costs. Higher stock-based compensation expense of $\$ 0.02$ per diluted share in the quarter also impacted corporate overhead, as well as segment results. The adoption of FIN 48 ("Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes") effective June 1, 2007, together with FAS 109 ("Accounting for Income Taxes"), resulted in additional tax expense of $\$ 0.02$ per diluted share in the quarter, partially offsetting the tax benefit related to the Company's seasonal net loss. As a result, the Company's effective tax rate in the first quarter was $12.2 \%$.

Free cash use (as defined) in the first quarter was $\$ 129.7$ million compared to $\$ 147.9$ million in the prior year period, reflecting improved operating results and lower inventories, partially offset by higher Harry Potter-related working capital. Inventory levels declined by $\$ 16.8$ million or $3 \%$ compared to a year ago. In the quarter the Company received 5.1 million shares of its common stock under a previously announced $\$ 200$ million accelerated share repurchase ("ASR"). Under the agreement the Company may receive up to 1.1 million additional shares at the end of next month, with the final amount based on the average price of the common stock over the term of the ASR. Because of additional debt to finance the ASR, partially offset by strong free cash flow in the intervening twelve months, net debt (as defined) was $\$ 546.8$ million at quarter end, up from $\$ 456.1$ million a year earlier.

## Conference Call

The Company will hold a conference call to discuss its results at 8:00 am ET today, September 20, 2007. Scholastic's Chairman, President and CEO, Richard Robinson, and Executive Vice President, CAO and CFO, Maureen O'Connell, will moderate the call.

The conference call and accompanying slides will be webcast and accessible through the Investor Relations section of Scholastic's website, scholastic.com. Following the call, slides from the conference call will also be posted in the Investor Relations section of scholastic.com.

## About Scholastic

Scholastic Corporation (NASDAQ: SCHL) is the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books and a leader in educational technology. Scholastic creates quality educational and entertaining materials and products for use in school and at home, including children's books, magazines, technology-based products, teacher materials, television programming, film, videos and toys. The Company distributes its products and services through a variety of channels, including proprietary school-based book clubs, school-based book fairs, and school-based and direct-to-home continuity programs; retail stores, schools, libraries and television networks; and the Company's Internet site, scholastic.com.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains certain forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including the conditions of the children's book and educational materials markets and acceptance of the Company's products within those markets, and other risks and factors identified from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated.

## SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION <br> CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

(Amounts in millions except share and per share data)

| THREE MON | THS ENDED |
| :---: | :---: |
| 08/31/07 | 08/31/06 |

Selling, general and administrative expenses Bad debt expense Depreciation and amortization
Total operating costs and expenses

Operating income (loss)
Interest expense, net

Loss before income taxes
Tax benefit

Net loss

Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding (1)

Basic and diluted loss per share
$222.7 \quad 196.6$
$17.8 \quad 15.7$
$16.7 \quad 16.9$
$581.7 \quad 401.0$
$5.2(66.1)$
$8.4 \quad 7.4$
$0.4 \quad 26.6$
(\$2.8) (\$46.9)
-(52.8)
39.7
42.0
(\$0.07) (\$1.12)
(1) On June 1, 2007, the Company entered into an agreement with a major financial institution to repurchase $\$ 200.0$ of its outstanding Common Stock under a "collared" Accelerated Share Repurchase (the "ASR") Agreement. Under the ASR, the Company initially received approximately 5.1 million shares of Common Stock from the financial institution on June 28, 2007, which is reflected in the Treasury Stock component of Stockholders' equity. This had a 3.6 million share effect on basic and diluted weighted shares outstanding for the three months ended August 31, 2007. The maximum number of shares of Common Stock that can be received under the ASR is 6.2 million shares. The actual number of shares to be received by the Company from the financial institution will be determined based on the weighted average market price of the Common Stock during the four-month period after the initial execution date.

## SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION RESULTS OF OPERATIONS - SEGMENTS <br> (UNAUDITED) <br> (Amounts in millions)

THREE MONTHS ENDED
08/31/07 08/31/06 Change

Children's Book Publishing \&
Distribution Revenue

Book Clubs
$\$ 9.9 \quad \$ 10.7$ (\$0.8) (7\%)
Continuities
$46.4 \quad 44.9 \quad 1.5 \quad 3 \%$
Trade

| 276.2 | 45.4 | 230.8 | $*$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 10.0 | 11.6 | $(1.6)$ | $(14 \%)$ |

Book Fairs
Total revenue
Operating income (loss)
Operating margin
Educational Publishing
Revenue
$127.8 \quad 127.4 \quad 0.4 \quad 0 \%$
Operating income
Operating margin
$30.6 \quad 32.7$ (2.1) (6\%)

International
Revenue
Operating loss

| 99.6 | 79.2 | 20.4 | $26 \%$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $(2.7)$ | $(5.5)$ | 2.8 | $51 \%$ |

Operating margin

Media, Licensing and Advertising Revenue
Operating loss
17.0
(5.1)
15.7
1.3 8\%
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1.0 16\%

Operating margin
Overhead expense
$20.3 \quad 19.9 \quad(0.4)$
(2\%)

Operating income (loss)
\$5.2 (\$66.1) \$71.3
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* Percent not meaningful.

SCHOLASTIC CORPORATION
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)
(Amounts in millions)
SELECTED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

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08 / 31 / 07 \quad 08 / 31 / 06
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| Cash and cash equivalents | $\$ 42.7$ | $\$ 19.7$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Accounts receivable, net | 479.0 | 249.8 |
| Inventories | 531.2 | 548.0 |
| Accounts payable | 176.3 | 164.3 |
| Accrued royalties | 150.6 | 47.7 |
| Lines of credit, short-term debt and current |  |  |
| portion of long-term debt | 73.1 | 301.5 |
| Long-term debt, excluding current portion | 516.4 | 174.3 |
| Total debt | 589.5 | 475.8 |
| Total capital lease obligations | 64.7 | 67.7 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 925.5 | 999.9 |
| Net debt (1) | 546.8 | 456.1 |

SELECTED CASH FLOW ITEMS

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities
Less: Additions to property, plant and equipment

Pre-publication and production costs Royalty advances
(\$99.1) (\$125.1)
THREE MONTHS ENDED
08/31/07 08/31/06
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$\begin{array}{rr}9.7 & 6.2 \\ 11.8 & 10.5 \\ 9.1 & 6.1\end{array}$
(\$129.7) (\$147.9)
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(1) Net debt is defined by the Company as lines of credit and shortterm debt plus long-term-debt, net of cash and cash equivalents. The Company utilizes this non-GAAP financial measure, and believes it is useful to investors, as an indicator of the Company's effective leverage and financing needs.
(2) Free cash flow or use is defined by the Company as net cash provided by or used in operating activities, reduced by spending on property, plant and equipment; pre-publication and production costs; and royalty advances. The Company believes that this measure, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, is useful to investors as an indicator of cash flow available for debt repayment and other investing activities, such as acquisitions. The Company utilizes free cash flow or use as a further indicator of operating performance and for planning investing activities.

