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smartsm™ now integrated with DS Library Management Systems.

DS, the market leader in UK public libraries and archives and part of the Axiell Library Group AB, (www.ds.co.uk) announced it has completed work on enabling their customers to export data from their library management system (LMS) into smartsm, the UK's premier stock performance improvement solution from Bridgeall Libraries. (www.smartsm.com).

Jim Burton, Managing Director at DS explains, "Management Information Systems like ArteMIS perform a different role to evidence based stock management systems such as smartsm. ArteMIS provides factual evidence about the performance and usage of our OpenGalaxy LMS and systems such as smartsm help libraries improve their performance and to make intelligent purchasing and stock management decisions based on the evidence from their LMS. With this in mind we wanted to make it easy for our customers to seamlessly use our LMS and smartsm together."

Our LMS now seamlessly outputs management information designed specifically for use within the smartsm system. The result will be a seamless information flow for library managers who can make time and cost saving stock decisions using smartsm.

Ian Downie, Commercial Manager at Bridgeall Libraries added, "We have a growing number of mutual customers with DS including Bristol and South Lanarkshire who have been using smartsm for some time and Middlesbrough, who have recently signed up to smartsm. We are delighted to be working closely with DS, helping our customers automate the extraction of data into our powerful smartsm solution."

DS and Bridgeall Libraries are also planning to work together to deliver workflow improvements and time-saving efficiencies later in the stock management process. Once stock management plans are in place, staff need to identify and find large numbers of stock items and then weed or move them. This is a labour-intensive job,



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so DS and Bridgeall Libraries are evaluating how the DS RFID solution, known as DS-iTAG can be used to save time during the process of stock identification, stock moving and weeding.

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Notes to Editors

DS

DS public library customers include a third of the local authorities in the UK, while over 350 customers use Calm, the system of choice for Archives, Museums and Records Offices. DS has been the leading supplier to libraries, archives, museums and records centres, predominantly in UK local government for over 30 years.

One of the pioneers in the industry, DS has been responsible for a number of innovations in library and archive systems; first library use of barcodes; first online circulation system; first handheld device; first secure web browser; first hierarchical database for archives; first implementer of RFID in UK libraries; first self-managing, web-based, community information system.

DS offers its customers both software and hardware and a full range of implementation, and facilities management and integration services.

www.ds.co.uk

Axiell Library Group AB

Founded in the mid 1980's, Axiell was the first vendor in the Nordic countries to develop a local library management system. In 1996 it was one of the world's first suppliers to launch a complete graphic local library system which implemented all of the established library standards. This development has continued, and today Axiell Library Group is the world's fifth largest company in the sector, supplying IT systems and services dedicated solely to libraries as a target group and with its focus on library development.

Axiell develops technically advanced library management systems in close cooperation with its customers.

More than 700 municipalities are using Axiell's systems in their public libraries in the Nordic countries. Together with school libraries and special libraries Axiell's systems are used more than 3000 different places.

Axiell Library Group is a group company with three subsidiaries in Sweden, Denmark and Finland. www.axiell.com

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