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### **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Five more public libraries win e4libraries accreditation**

Another five public library authorities have been awarded e4libraries accreditation for 2009, BIC has announced this week. Bromley Libraries, Cambridgeshire Libraries, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Somerset County Libraries and Wiltshire Libraries have successfully demonstrated their adoption of beneficial technologies to improve their efficiency and enhance the services they offer to their customers. This brings the number of libraries and library authorities accredited up to ten in the first year of the scheme.

Nielsen Book also gained accreditation as a service provider to libraries for its commitment to the sector and its innovative products.

‘We have made a solid start with the scheme,’ said Martin Palmer, chair of the e4libraries steering committee and BIC board member, ‘with ten libraries, seven stock suppliers and three service providers seeing the value of accreditation, but we hope to have many more in 2010. Accreditation puts the spotlight on organisations which have made a real effort to increase their efficiency, and provides a benchmark for others. With funding always an issue, particularly for public libraries, these authorities do have something to shout about.’

Full details of the scheme and a list of accredited organisations can be found at <http://www.bic.org.uk/e4libraries/15/ACCREDITATION-SCHEME/>.

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