

THE iCONN TIMES

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E-Mail Address Changes

Please note new email addresses for iCONN Staff. Old addresses will not work after Labor Day.

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HAPPY 10th BIRTHDAY iCONN!

What a discovery iCONN is... Let's spread the word, fellow iCONN fans. This is a site too good to keep to ourselves.

I am so pleased with the way the iCONN system works, enabling access to information that otherwise would not be so readily available to everyone, that I feel it should be shouted from the rooftops. Thanks again.

iCONN is such a GREAT program, I'm so glad it exists!!!! Thanks for providing such a nice service!

iCONN is fantastic! Thank you! This web site has been so useful, and I'm thrilled with it.

I just want to say that iCONN is a most valuable resource. It brings information to my desktop that I would not have access to unless I had an expensive subscription to an information aggregator. iCONN definitely increases the value of a CT library card, indeed it is the most valuable resource available through my library card... [<http://www.iconn.org/staff/Testimonials.aspx>]



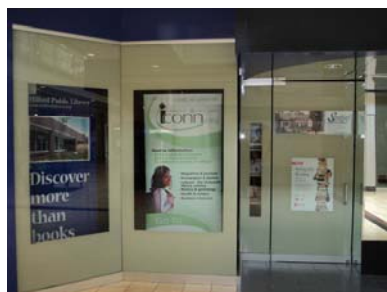
Civil War Resources: *Sabin Americana* Database Trial: April 12 - May 15

This Gale resource offers an up-close perspective on life in the Americas, from the arrival of the Europeans on the shores of North America in the late 15th century to the first decades of the 20th century. This digital collection highlights the society, politics, religious beliefs, customs and momentous events of the time, and includes books, pamphlets, broadsides and documents from an assortment of genres. You will also find searchable portions of the *Connecticut War Record* newspaper in **Sabin Americana**.

For access to this and other sources of Civil War information (research materials from the Connecticut State Library; digital images from the State Library, Treasures of Connecticut Libraries and Connecticut History Online; K-12 booklist and more...), visit:

<http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/CivilWar.aspx>

iCONN Exhibit at Westfield CT Post Mall



At the invitation of Milford Public Library, iCONN's banner is now sharing display window space with display materials from Case Library of Orange, Milford Public Library and Stratford Library on the lower level of the Westfield Connecticut Post Mall. The libraries will also be hosting library card sign-ups and story hours there. If you happen to be in the mall before the exhibit ends on May 13, take a look!

Upcoming iCONN Training

Books & Authors Database Training—

Stacey Knibloe, Customer Education Consultant for Cengage Learning will be providing online training to library staff on Books & Authors, iCONN's reader's advisory tool. The training is open to all library staff.

Getting ready for summer readings programs? Need help finding books for kids to read? Let Books & Authors help! Books & Authors offers new ways to explore the endless possibilities and combinations of books, authors, genres and topics. Powered by Gale's popular What Do I Read Next? series, Books & Authors combines browseable menus and visual search technology to guide readers from every level of reading proficiency to books that match their interests.

Thursday, **May 26th**
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Online
Fee: **Free** Limit: 25

Friday, **May 27th**
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Online
Fee: **Free** Limit: 25

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* The Advisory Board welcomed Josiah Hills as the Department of Education's representative on the Board in April.

New User Platform for ProQuest Coming in June

iCONN will migrate to ProQuest's new user platform on June 1, 2011, at which time these resources will have a new look and enhanced functionality: ABI/Inform, Hoover's Company Records, *The Hartford Courant*, and the *Historical Hartford Courant*. HeritageQuest is not included in the migration to the new user interface.

The new user interface will feature enhanced usability and social networking functions that library workers and users will appreciate. In the new interface, users can create their own My Research accounts for bookmarking, tagging, alerts, RSS feeds and to set preferences. Searching now includes auto-complete, spell check, and keyword in context. Search results sets are sorted according to relevance (by default). Other enhancements include article preview, faceted navigation, filtering by date slider, and more. For a more complete list of new functions, visit:

<http://www.proquest.com/en-US/promos/platform/user.shtml>.

Auto-Graphics links to iCONN's ProQuest resources will not need to be replaced because they will be configured to point to the new interface. If you have bookmarked ProQuest's own direct links to iCONN's ProQuest resources, you will need to replace those links so that they will point to the new interface. The new ProQuest direct links will appear on the web page at <http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/urltable.aspx> in the document linked to within the text "Links to iCONN Resources for all libraries (Word - 44kb) (PDF - 32kb)."