

THE ICONN TIMES

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REQUEST RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERSHIPS

In May we will be starting the annual process of renewing memberships in reQuest. Renewal forms will be sent to current members.

Those libraries interested in a new reQuest membership can visit the "Joining reQuest" page at www.iconn.org/staff/JoiningReQuest.aspx or call the iCONN office, toll free at 888-256-1222, for further information

Sample benefits...

- Not automated? Use reQuest as your online catalog.
- Download unlimited MARC records from the 4.9 million records in reQuest to your local catalog.
- Make statewide interlibrary loan available to your patrons.



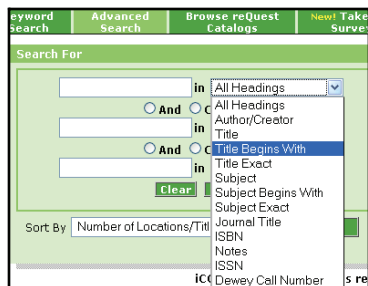
ICONN SELECTS GALE IN LATEST BID

iCONN staff, working in close collaboration with the iCONN Database Committee (see page 2) recently completed a bid process that will result in the following content changes on July 1: Gale's U.S. / World History and Science Resource Centers will replace the corresponding EBSCO titles; we will add Gale's *What Do I Read Next?* and 50 e-reference books (to be selected by the iCONN Database Committee); access to *Biography Resource Center* will be extended to academic libraries; and we will lose access to publications that EBSCO has exclusive rights to: *Consumer Reports* and the *Consumer Reports Buying Guide* (effective July 1); *Scientific American*; and *Ranger Rick*. Gale's Bid also represents a substantial savings over the current year, which will help keep iCONN costs within the proposed budget without jeopardizing other existing databases. For the latest information on these and other changes, please visit: <http://www.iconn.org/Forthcoming.aspx>.

Recent Enhancements to reQuest

MyList: Create and view a list of items in reQuest you would like to read, have read, or would like to request through ILL by easily creating a password-protected account, then checking the items in reQuest that you would like to add to your account. You may create multiple lists for different purposes.

From the results screen, put a checkmark in the box and click the link that says "Add to List" or click "Add to List" from the Full Record to get started.



New search indexes for Title and Subject searches:

- Title Begins With
- Title Exact
- Subject Begins With
- Subject Exact

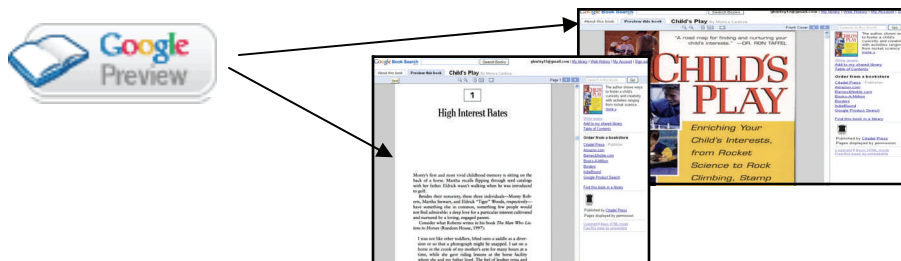


Multi-keyword Title Searches: All multi-keyword Title searches now default to Exact Phrase Searches.

Link to Google Books (forthcoming)

Soon records in reQuest will link to corresponding book previews and / or full text books in Google Books whenever there is a matching ISBN.

Child's play : enriching your child's interests. from rocket science to rock climbing, stamp collecting to sculpture / Monica Cardoza.; McCabe-Cardoza, Monica. ; c2003. ; Citadel Press. ; 0806523387 **Locations: (3)**



COMING SOON

- **“Remember Me”** checkbox will be added to the “Request this item” ILL Request form. When checked, the system will remember the Patron Information (including password) that the patron typed into the form.
- Under “What Would You Like to Do Next?” we will add a **Link To This Item** button. This will create a persistent link to the full record being displayed. The link will enable the system to identify the patron’s library for the purpose of submitting ILL requests. The link can also be copied and pasted into another web site. The link will allow a user to login as a guest and locate the full bibliographic record directly using the link. From the full record display in reQuest, users will be able to e-mail the text of the bibliographic record along with a persistent link to the record.
- A **Spanish language** classic menu page is being developed that provides links to all iCONN resources that have Spanish language user interfaces. The page will be linked to from the current classic menu page for public libraries and can be directly bookmarked.

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Find it on the Web at:
www.iconn.org/siteindex.aspx
under “Promotional Materials”

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School Librarians (K-12) – 5
Academic Librarians – 5
CT State Library – 3

Upcoming Training

*Free Webinar: Health &
Wellness and Business &
Company Resource Centers*

May 18, 2-3:30 Online

*HeritageQuest Online
Training—Free*

June 29, 10-12 Simsbury Public
Library

June 30, 10-12 Wilton Library
Association

*Free iCONN Database
Training for Public Libraries*

July 7, 1-4 Simsbury Public
Library Lab

July 8, 1-4 Wilton Library
Association

To register: Access the Continu-
ing Education Calendar of Events
at: [http://evanced.info/cslib/
evanced/eventcalendar.asp](http://evanced.info/cslib/evanced/eventcalendar.asp)

