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Black History Month Free Resources

iCONN's database vendors have graciously agreed to make selected Black History Month resources available for the month of February.

Watch your iCONN landing page for a link to the Black History Month web page with links to those resources. Questions are welcomed and can be sent to Eric Hansen at ehansen@cslib.org or 860-704-2224.



Free E-Books

Not a week goes by that iCONN doesn't get at least one e-mail asking if we have e-Books. Because our present budget situation makes purchasing e-Books impossible, we have created a web page with links to *free* e-Books from Google, the Internet Archive, ManyBooks, the Online Books Page, and Project Gutenberg. Some of these e-Books must be read on a computer. We also have links to free e-Books for the Kindle and the Nook, but these sites require setting up an account with a credit card. We provide these links as a convenience and regret that we cannot provide technical support for the sites or the devices. The link to Free E-Books is now on all landing and classic menu pages except elementary schools (those titles are being researched separately). To try out our Free E-Books web page, visit [iCONN.org](http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/FreeEbooks.aspx) or go to:

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In order to help meet the growing demand for e-Books, this page presents major sources of free, downloadable e-Books at a time when iCONN is unable to purchase the most popular e-Books. We provide these links as a convenience and regret that we are unable to provide technical support for these sites.

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Gale and ProQuest Usage Statistics

On January 1, 2011, Gale moved to a new statistics reporting system. If you have not done so already, you will need to contact Gale Technical Support (Gale.Technicalsupport@cengage.com or phone: 800-877-4253 / option 4.) to get a new UserID and password. For those who have made the change and have a UserID and Password, you can access the new site at <http://www.gale.cengage.com/usage/>, then click the "Login" button that appears just below the "Gale Usage Website" label, where you will be prompted to enter your UserID and Password.

We will be moving to a new ProQuest platform by March 1, or earlier. As part of the migration to the new platform, all of the statistics collected for ProQuest Newspapers from the migration date and going forward will be available at: <http://www.admin.proquest.com> Your current ProQuest statistics usernames and passwords will work on this new site. Statistics collected up to the migration date will remain available at their current location, which is: <http://lad.proquest.com/lad> Note: these changes do not affect your ProQuest HeritageQuest statistics.

Request Serials Catalog

Serials updates were made in OCLC over the course of the Summer and Fall. The newest file of the Connecticut Union List of Serials was ordered in January and should replace the current listings in the reQuest Serials Catalog in February.

The next file will be ordered in July. If you plan to send any additions, changes or deletions to your serials collection to Gail Hurley to be included in the July file, please send these to her by May 15 at the latest.

For more information, please go to:
<http://www.iconn.org/staff/culs.aspx>. Thank you.

New Downloadable Audiobooks Added in January

- Anne Frank's tales from the secret annex
- Guilty pleasures
- Harvesting the heart
- Hellhound of Wall Street
- Magnificent Ambersons
- Port mortuary
- Soldier's heart
- Tommyknockers
- Travel team

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New GALE E-Reference Books in ICONN

Thanks to iCONN's new arrangement with Cengage Gale for the addition of e-reference book titles based on statewide sales of other e-reference titles, we are pleased to announce that iCONN has added the following e-reference titles to its collection at no additional charge:

- ◆ Alternative Energy
- ◆ Crime and Punishment: Essential Primary Sources
- ◆ Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture
- ◆ Encyclopedia of Products & Industries - Manufacturing
- ◆ Encyclopedia of Western Colonialism since 1450
- ◆ Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. History, Government and Politics
- ◆ Gale Encyclopedia of U.S. History, War

We have also added the following titles that are part of the Diseases and Disorders series:

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| ◆ Acne | ◆ Hemophilia |
| ◆ AIDS | ◆ Obesity |
| ◆ Anthrax | ◆ SARS |
| ◆ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome | ◆ Sexually Transmitted Diseases |
| ◆ Headaches | ◆ West Nile Virus |

All of the above will appear in the list of e-reference books you see after clicking on our E-Reference Books link.

New ProQuest Interface Coming Soon

ProQuest will be rolling out its new platform to all iCONN users by March 1, or earlier. The new platform features improved searching, enhanced usability, and social networking capabilities. iCONN is currently working with ProQuest and Auto-Graphics to preserve our existing links to ProQuest resources in the new platform. We will announce in advance the specific date when the new platform will launch in iCONN. In the meantime, see the link below for more information and a preview of the platform.

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

The screenshot displays the ProQuest website interface for 'ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Hartford Courant (1764-1984)'. At the top, it indicates 'You are searching: 1 database (See list | Change >)' and includes links for 'My Research (0 new)' and 'Sign in'. The main header features the ProQuest logo and the title 'ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Hartford Courant (1764-1984)' with sub-links for 'Search', 'Advanced', 'Obituaries', and 'Publications'. A search bar is present with a 'Full text' checkbox and an 'Advanced search' button. Below the search bar, there is a 'Want to Learn More?' section with several options: 'Search the online Help', 'Sign up for a training webinar', 'Discover answers to common questions at ProQuest's Product Support Center', and 'Got an uncommon question? Contact our Customer Support Team.' A 'Search tip' section provides instructions on how to use quotation marks and OR operators. The bottom of the page shows a grid of document thumbnails and the text 'Connecticut State Library'.