

# THE iCONN TIMES

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## REQUEST SERIALS CATALOG UPDATE

The Connecticut library community was surveyed in January as to its use of the reQuest Serials Catalog. There were 363 responses.

The reQuest Serials Catalog is updated through annual files from OCLC of the CT Union List of Serials. OCLC last provided iCONN with a file in July 2005. They are unable to commit to a timeframe as to when we will be able to have a new file. They do plan on providing individual libraries spreadsheets of their local holdings in OCLC. Stay tuned for details about this.

For more information about the reQuest Serials Catalog or the survey, visit:  
[www.iconn.org/staff/culs.aspx](http://www.iconn.org/staff/culs.aspx)



## NEW FEATURES

### NEW! E-Journal Finder

Did you ever want to know whether iCONN has a particular magazine, journal or newspaper? Now, there is a quick way to find that out without having to check the individual title lists of every database in iCONN. It is called **E-Journal Finder** (licensed from Serials Solutions) and you will find it on a tab at the top of every iCONN search screen. When you click on the tab, you are taken to an intermediate page where you can select the appropriate version of E-Journal Finder: one for public/school databases and one for college databases. All titles listed are full-text titles. Abstract or citation-only titles are not included.



A link from iCONN to **InfoAnytime** ("Ask A Librarian") was activated on 11/29/07. The link can be accessed from a tab at the top of the iCONN federated search Screen.

InfoAnytime is the virtual reference service of the Connecticut Library Consortium CLC) provided in cooperation with participating libraries. We hope that iCONN users will find this more direct and more immediate form of "help" to be beneficial. To learn more about InfoAnytime, visit  
[www.ctlibrarians.org/services/infoanytime.html](http://www.ctlibrarians.org/services/infoanytime.html)

### Database Mouseover Descriptions

When you click on "Select iCONN Resources" at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org), then position your cursor over any of the "i" icons that appear next to each database title, you will see a brief description of that resource. For newspapers, the description gives the coverage dates. Clicking on the "i" icon will open up a resource note with more detailed information about that resource. The "mouseover" feature gives a snap-

shot description of the resource without having to click into the resource note.



### Additional Research Resources

We substantially expanded the **Additional Research Resources** in the **Children's** (K-12) and **Science** (all ages) sections. See [www.iconn.org/AdditionalResources.aspx](http://www.iconn.org/AdditionalResources.aspx)

### ILL ISO

The reQuest/ILL system became compliant with the **ISO** standard on 12/3/07. It provides expanded "Reasons for No" for unfilled lending requests, and allows for interoperability with other ILL systems — both Clio and Illiad have been successfully tested.

### iCONN Staff News

Lorri Huddy, Electronic Resources Coordinator for iCONN, has taken a new position with the CTW Consortium as of January 24, 2008. We wish her good luck with her new position and thank her for all her work with iCONN. We will be advertising for her replacement soon.

### Outreach Consultant

iCONN will soon begin working with an Outreach Consultant, Mary Hogan, who will work directly with public and school libraries across the state to ensure that their staff understand iCONN's benefits and features. She will also suggest ways that iCONN can be better represented on the library website, that there is adequate physical signage and promotional materials within the library and other ways that libraries can help increase traffic to iCONN.

## REQUEST ADDITIONS

As of December 31, 2007, 423 libraries of all types were included in reQuest, the state-wide library catalog. These libraries contributed 21.6 million holdings. 14 libraries contributed holdings to reQuest for the first time in 2007.

They were:

- Coleytown Middle School
- Hall Memorial School
- Hyde School
- Ledyard High School
- New Haven Public Library (Wilson Branch)
- Plainfield Public Library
- Pomperaug High School
- Rowayton Library
- Terryville High School
- Valley Regional High School
- W. F. Kaynor Technical High School
- Wamogo Regional High School
- Willington Public Library
- Woodside Intermediate School

For questions about contributing holdings to reQuest for the first time or submitting updated holdings, please contact Gail Hurley, [ghurley@cslib.org](mailto:ghurley@cslib.org), 860-704-2222 or toll free at 888-256-1222, or visit the contributing records page at: <http://iconn.auto-graphics.com/staff/ContributingHoldings.aspx>

The *iCONN Times* is a quarterly publication of iCONN—Connecticut's re-search engine.

Find it on the Web at: [www.iconn.org/siteindex.aspx](http://www.iconn.org/siteindex.aspx) under "Promotional Materials"

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### Public Awareness Survey

The 2nd comprehensive UCONN public awareness survey report was presented to iCONN's Advisory Board on 12/5/07. Among the findings:

- Most users access the Internet from home (70%) or work (24%)
- Top reason for conducting research online – it's FAST (74% - up 10% from 2005)
- Librarians scored much higher than the Internet on providing accurate/reliable information
- Most iCONN users learned about iCONN through the library, school, or word of mouth

See the complete report at [www.iconn.org/iConnMarketingSurveyReport.aspx](http://www.iconn.org/iConnMarketingSurveyReport.aspx)



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