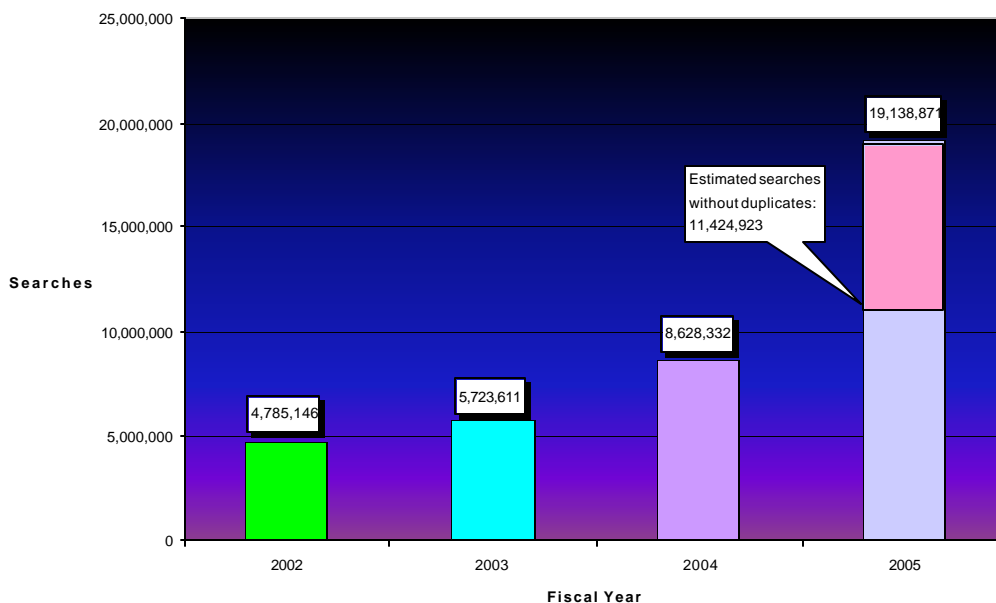


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ICONN SEARCHES

FOR FISCAL YEARS 2002 - 2005
TOTAL SEARCHES: 38,275,960



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PROQUEST ALERTS

Did you know that in ProQuest you can create an alert for a search you've just run, and receive an email notification of new search results? ProQuest provides the iCONN newspaper databases.

To set up an alert, run your search in one of the newspaper databases. Click the "Set up Alert" button at the top of the page. Complete the information and click "Save". Once you have set up a search alert, you will receive an email that will include a results list similar in layout to the standard ProQuest search results page, including links to the pertinent information. This email can include up to 50 results.



A FEW WORDS ABOUT ICONN STATISTICS

Federated searching was implemented in February, 2005. Because the tool distorts vendor database search counts, search statistics provided by vendors are significantly higher for users of iCONN federated searching.

Each time a database is included in a federated search, the vendor database search count is incremented. And each time a user clicks on a result count, the vendor search count is incremented again.

For example, the default iCONN federated search for public libraries includes 14 Gale databases, six ProQuest databases, and one Wilson database. If a patron uses the iCONN default to search for "tsunami" and then clicks on the results count next to General Reference Center Gold, the search count will be : Gale 15 (one for each Gale database plus

an extra one for General Reference Center Gold), ProQuest 6 (one for each newspaper) and Wilson 1.

The same search using a direct link to General Reference Center Gold will increment the search count once for General Reference Center Gold.

In the above chart, two search counts are reported for 2005. One count, 19,138,871, includes all searches counted by the database vendors, including the duplicate searches generated by the federated search tool. The other count, 11,424,923, estimates what the search count would have been without the duplicate searches. The estimate assumes that searches in the last five months of fiscal year 2005 (when federated searching was available) grew at the same rate as those in the prior seven months.

STAFF CHANGES

We are pleased to announce that Sharon Clapp has joined iCONN as the iCONN Outreach Coordinator. Her primary task will be to increase public awareness and use of iCONN throughout Connecticut. This task is important because we believe that the vast majority of Connecticut residents are still unaware that iCONN exists and what it can do for them.

Sharon Clapp was the coordinator of the Askyourlibrary.org, Connecticut's first cooperative 24x7 virtual reference service, from its inception in 2001 until 2004. During that period, she also served as the Web Services Manager for Bibliomation. More recently, she was the Information Systems Manager for the Contra Costa County Library in Pleasant Hill, CA.

We are very fortunate that Sharon Clapp was available to take charge of this project. You can reach Sharon via e-mail to scapp@cslib.org, phone (860) 344-2475, or toll free (888) 256-1222.



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ICONN TOTAL SEARCHES BY DATABASE

Database	7/1/2001 - 6/30/2002	7/1/2002 - 6/30/2003	7/1/2003 - 6/30/2004	7/1/2004 - 6/30/2005	Total
ABI/Inform	220,350	265,463	351,263	447,802	1,284,878
Academic Universe	556,719	568,595	606,407	638,343	2,370,064
AP Photo Archive			33,679	75,377	109,056
ATLA	16,280				16,280
Business & Company Resource Center	227,274	314,859	362,390	760,046	1,664,569
CINAHL	40,260	74,178	120,348	175,721	410,507
Discovering Collection	532,619	682,537	836,778	1,271,822	3,323,756
Expanded Academic	428,455	508,051	541,255	910,458	2,388,219
General Reference Center Gold	223,509	217,512	216,424	569,991	1,227,436
Health and Wellness Resource Center	394,779	491,248	584,681	1,589,987	3,060,695
HeritageQuest				499,402	499,402
iCONN Newsstand	548,859	867,946	2,971,166	6,279,518	10,667,489
Informe	5,489	5,115	8,362	378,856	397,822
InfoTrac OneFile	452,459	589,273	695,626	1,091,610	2,828,968
Junior Edition	173,000	166,078	159,361	901,903	1,400,342
Kid's Edition/Info Bits	287,706	258,658	349,317	1,219,946	2,115,627
Pre-CINAHL			12,412	60,466	72,878
Professional Collection	76,493	78,237	92,485	455,951	703,166
PsyclINFO	253,114	291,540	340,540	483,137	1,368,331
Statistical Universe	17,750				17,750
Student Edition	194,529	207,893	195,041	577,226	1,174,689
What Do I Read Next?	64,504	61,128	59,618	420,987	606,237
Wilson Biographies Plus	70,998	75,300	91,179	330,322	567,799
Total	4,785,146	5,723,611	8,628,332	19,138,871	38,275,960

REQUEST ILL ENHANCEMENTS

We recently implemented two useful enhancements in the reQuest Interlibrary Loan (ILL) module that will streamline workflows. The ILL module now contains the ability to request multiple copies of a title, a feature particularly handy for book club requests. This feature allows ILL staff members to complete one ILL workform and specify how many copies of the item are needed. When you submit the request, the system automatically creates one ILL request for each copy needed and each resulting request has a unique lender list, thereby increasing your chances of getting the material

quickly and efficiently.

The second enhancement provides reQuest ILL participants with the ability to set reQuest to take their library's ILL lending policy into account when automatically creating a lender list. For example, if your ILL lending policy says that your library does not lend videocassettes, you can set reQuest so that your library will no longer receive lending requests for videocassettes.

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