

THE ICONN TIMES

NEW ICONN DATABASES

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NEW ICONN LOGO DEBUTS!

This is the first public appearance of our new logo! We will be migrating our print materials such as letterhead to this new look. Our corresponding Web presence at www.iconn.org will contain the new logo and will also reflect its new color scheme.

In addition to color changes, the tag line "connecticut's research engine," replaces the old tag line of "Connecticut Digital Library."

The logo was created by Miranda Creative in consultation with iCONN staff.



Background: The iCONN Database Committee evaluated subscription proposals for a history resource. The Gale History Resource Centers - US & World were provided on a free trial basis this past year. They were not included in Gale's proposal for the Tier 1 databases because that focused on General Periodical, Health and Business resources so these products fell outside the scope of that bid. However, the Committee recognized the need to continue providing this type of resource within iCONN. There was also consensus that adding a Science resource would greatly enhance iCONN's suite of databases - particularly for K-12 and public libraries.

With these criteria in mind, the Committee evaluated proposals for History and Science databases and the decision was made to subscribe to EBSCO's History Reference Center and Science Reference Center for the coming year. All libraries - Academic, K-12 and Public - will have access. The Committee recommended providing access via two interfaces—EBSCOhost and the Student Research Center. These resources were added to iCONN on July 1, 2006.

History Reference Center

For: High School students and up
For history buffs, class projects and assignments, this is the first place to look! Provides articles from magazines, journals, reference and non-fiction books; biographies, documents and speeches; maps and photographs. Also includes film and video clips of social, political and cultural historical events of the 20th Century from 1893 to 1985. More information, including a title list can be found at:

www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=6&topicID=84

Science Reference Center

For: High School students and up
Start here for science projects and research needs! Provides articles from scientific reference books, magazines, journals, biogra-

phies and images. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, physics, technology, and wildlife. More information, including a title list can be found at: www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=6&topicID=612

Student Research Center Interface

For: Middle School students and up
A more student-friendly version of the History and Science Reference Centers that provides the same high quality historical and scientific content. Choose types of sources (Magazines, Newspapers, Biographies, Country Reports, Film & Video), browse by topic headings, use an online dictionary and encyclopedia, explore top searches of the day, and even limit searches according to reading levels. More information can be found at: www.epnet.com/thisTopic.php?marketID=6&topicID=13

New Gale Virtual Reference Library books!

Check the E-Books page for these new titles:

- *Encyclopedia of Espionage, Intelligence and Security*
- *Encyclopedia of Population*
- *Fashion, Costume, and Culture: Clothing, Headwear, Body Decorations and Footwear through the Ages*
- *Renaissance: an Encyclopedia for Students*
- *Encyclopedia of Landforms and Other Geographic Features*

The History and Science Reference Centers are searchable through the iCONN portal. The Student Research Center is available as a link on the list of iCONN resources. E-books are available through the iCONN portal menu's "E-books link" and the "Link to Individual Databases" page.

The direct links to these databases can be found at: www.iconn.org/staff/urtable.aspx (or see next page for details and the links).

iCONN REMEMBERS

With a recent upgrade, the barcode login screen for users accessing iCONN from home can now remember a library card number. On the login screen is a checkbox with the note "Remember my card number on this computer". If a user checks the box and enters their library card number, a cookie is placed on the computer so that iCONN will remember their card number. The next time the user goes to iCONN on that computer, they will be able to simply click a Begin button. Curious? Try it at home!

FIREFOX OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED

While they have been unofficially supporting it for some time, Auto-Graphics now officially supports Firefox version 1.0.7 or higher. They also support Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or higher and Netscape version 6.2 or higher. Auto-Graphics no longer officially supports browsers below these minimum recommended versions.



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DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR WEBPAGES!

If your library directly links to individual iCONN databases, don't forget to remove the old links to the Gale History Resource Centers—U.S. and World and add these new ones:

History Reference Center:

<http://rqst-agent.auto-graphics.com/LoginModule/Goto.aspx?cuid=rqst&dataid=256>

Science Reference Center

<http://rqst-agent.auto-graphics.com/LoginModule/Goto.aspx?cuid=rqst&dataid=818>

Student Research Center

<http://rqst-agent.auto-graphics.com/LoginModule/Goto.aspx?cuid=rqst&dataid=820>

The documents at www.iconn.org/staff/urlltable.aspx list all of the links to individual databases pages and have been updated to include these new resources.

iCONN TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Many iCONN training opportunities are planned for the coming months and we invite you and your colleagues to attend these FREE sessions. Training sessions fill quickly, so to be assured of a seat, please register as soon as possible. Openings are currently available in these sessions:

EBSCO New Databases Training

Carol Harker and John Henderson of EBSCO Information Services will conduct *half-day* training sessions at the Willimantic Library Service Centers on August 16th and September 20th. The training is open to all Connecticut librarians and library staff.

History Reference Center

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 OR
Wednesday, September 20, 2006
9:00a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Willimantic Library Service Center
Fee: Free Limit: 16

Science Reference Center

Wednesday, August 16, 2006 OR
Wednesday, September 20, 2006
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Willimantic Library Service Center
Fee: Free Limit: 16

Note: The Student Research Center will also be covered at all of these sessions.

To register for any of these sessions, go to the Continuing Education Calendar at:

<http://evanced.info/cslib/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Important Reminder Gale PowerSearch is coming!

Thomson Gale switches to their PowerSearch interface on August 1st. All InfoTrac databases will automatically change over to this new search interface. Gale is still offering "PowerSearch Friday" online training sessions to demonstrate the new interface. Sign up for a webinar at:

<http://www.eventsvc.com/thomson/calendar.asp>

New Training Option — At YOUR School!

To make it easier for library media specialists and other K-12 teachers to attend iCONN training, Thomson Gale & EBSCO trainers are available to school districts so that workshops can take place at a suitable facility within the school district.

We expect that one Library Media Specialist will act as the coordinator/liaison for the entire school district, and that person will work directly with the trainer. That coordination task would include the following responsibilities:

1. Identify a training location within the school district that meets the following requirements:
 - Convenient parking
 - Computer lab with 12 or more computers with Internet access
2. Workshop registration (a minimum of 8 participants per workshop)
3. Workshop publicity
4. Refreshments

To take advantage of this opportunity for your school district, please contact Kris Abery at kabery@cslib.org or (860) 456-1717 ext. 305