

# THE iCONN TIMES

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### WHAT DO I READ NEXT DISCONTINUED AS OF AUGUST 6

Due to the recent statewide budget cuts, which reduced iCONN's budget by 5%, we found it necessary to discontinue *What Do I Read Next?* (from Cengage Gale) for all library types by the end of the day on Wednesday, **August 6, 2008**.



## ICCONN BUDGET CUTS: VENDORS COME THROUGH

Effective July 1, 2008, by order of the Governor, the iCONN and reQuest budgets were reduced by 5%.

The impact was felt most severely on the iCONN side, since even after eliminating all expenses other than database license fees and salary, a substantial shortfall remained. What made the difference was the willingness of AccuWeather, Cengage Gale, EBSCO and ProQuest to provide steeper discounts on the databases we are using. In return, we agreed to enter into (or to extend existing) multi-year

agreements for AP Images, EBSCO, and ProQuest, and we agreed to discontinue *What Do I Read Next?* by Cengage Gale.

The impact on the reQuest side was less severe because the reQuest budget is comparatively much smaller than the iCONN budget. The impact was to curtail costs that had been budgeted for consulting fees and for making enhancements to reQuest, though some planned enhancements (e.g., Syndetics record enrichment; new classic menus for schools, etc.) were preserved.

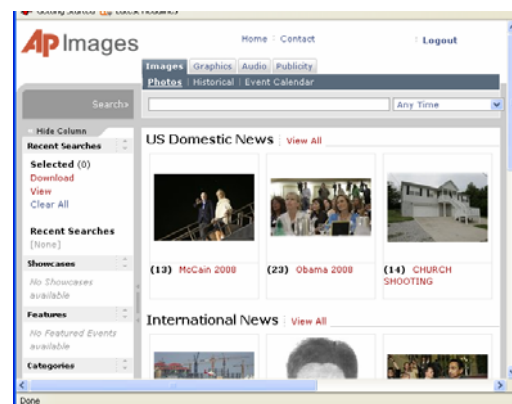
### NEW RESOURCES: ACADEMICS

Thomson West's **Campus Research** replaces LexisNexis Academic. Campus Research provides college and university students with access to a comprehensive collection of news and business information and law-related resources. Tabs divide content into two broad categories: News and Business, and Law. Both tabs default to Advanced Search, but a Basic Search is available and easy to find. Campus Research can be searched remotely through a school's proxy server or by barcode.

EBSCO's **CINAHL with Full Text** is added to CINAHL. The full text resource is listed separately from pre-CINAHL on iCONN's federated search page. On the College Classic page, CINAHL Full Text and pre-CINAHL are combined into one link that will search both at the same time. CINAHL Full Text permits basic, advance, and visual searching. Results can be saved, printed, e-mailed, added to a folder. Searchers can also create RSS alerts for their searches. CINAHL can be searched remotely through a school's proxy server or by barcode.

### AP IMAGES UPGRADED FOR ALL

**AP Images** replaces AP Photo Archive. AP Images' user-friendly interface divides its content into Images, Graphics, Audio and Publicity. The Images tab is divided into categories US Domestic News, International News, Financial News, Financial News, and Sports. Other tabs are subdivided too. Keyword and advanced searching is possible. Images can be downloaded in JPEG format and saved to your local machine. AP Images can be searched remotely through a library's proxy server.



**SEE ICONN AT:**

- ✓ **CEA Summer Leadership Conference** August 4-6 - Mohegan Sun
- ✓ **Durham Fair** September 26-28 (Commercial Building)
- ✓ **CECA** October 21 Connecticut Convention Center—Hartford
- ✓ **CASL** November 10 Crowne Plaza Hotel—

**UPCOMING TRAINING**

**reQuest Administration**  
 Tuesday, September 23  
 Middletown Library Service Center

**reQuest Interlibrary Loan**  
 Tuesday, September 23  
 Middletown Library Service Center

Register Online through the [Statewide Continuing Education Calendar](#)



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**NEW: OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS IN ICONN**

A suite of open access journals are now available in iCONN (at no additional cost) through the Serials Solutions A-Z E-Journal Finder.

Public and School users can access journals from the Directory of Open Access Journals, U.S. Government Documents, PubMedCentral and The Making of America databases from Cornell and Michigan.

Academic users can access journals from the above databases along with countless others.

**COMING SOON...**

The iCONN “Classic” page for Schools will go through a change this summer.

The current “**Classic School**” page will become the menu for High School users.

Two additional school pages will be created for Middle School and Elementary School users. These two new pages will include the appropriate age-level content from the current Classic page to improve usability.

Stay tuned!

**NEW: VIDEO & MUSIC CONTENT IN REQUEST**



Cover images and annotations are now available in reQuest for select videos. These include popular releases, educational videos, and documentaries. The annotations contain cast and directors. Work is in progress

for cover images and annotations for select music titles in reQuest. The annotations include track listings, performers and composers, and running time. Click “Display Cover Images” on the reQuest results screen to view the new video content.



**ICONN FY2008 STATISTICS**

Starting in FY 2007, we changed our baseline statistic for iCONN databases from *Searches* to *Page Views* in order to more accurately report usage without the inflating effect of federated searching. *Page Views* represent how many times users click into their search results to view actual articles, abstracts or citations. It measures more in-depth usage of iCONN’s resources compared with counting how many times a database is searched.

In FY2008, there were a total of 9,128,005 page views. The audience breakdown is:

- Public: 3,169,401
- School: 2,015,904
- Academic: 3,942,700

reQuest was searched over 2.5 million times, a 14% decrease over last year’s 2.9 million.

Over 200 libraries successfully lent more than 110,000 items through reQuest, a 7% increase over the previous fiscal year.

Holdings in reQuest increased to 21.7 million items, a 1% increase over last year. reQuest includes the holdings of 427 academic, public, school and special libraries in Connecticut.