

THE ICONN TIMES

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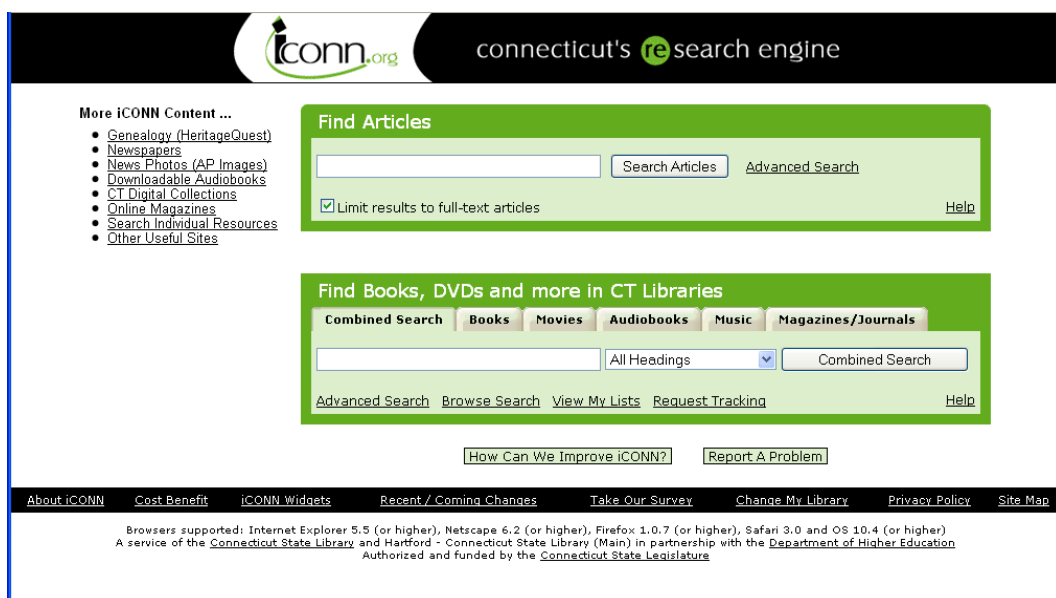
iCONN-branded link to Info Anytime removed

Gale had recently provided an iCONN-branded link to Info Anytime ("Ask A Librarian") from all search results pages (including "no hits" pages).

Unfortunately, we had to remove the link when the Info Anytime service ended (due to insufficient funding).



IT'S HERE...NEW ICONN START PAGE



On October 27, iCONN unveiled its new start page, featuring a Find Articles search box that searches and presents results in Gale's PowerSearch interface, and a Find Books search box that searches the reQuest statewide library catalog. With Find Books, etc. you can limit your search upfront to a particular format and search index and also initiate your ILL tracking through the Request Tracking link. Other database and resource links can be found on the bulleted list to the left of the search boxes.

BUDGET HOLDBACKS / DATABASE CUTS

The final FY 2010 state budget restored full appropriations for all library programs, but contained bottom line adjustments to General Fund appropriations of over \$473 million which resulted in a significant number of holdbacks to agency-specific appropriations.

While these are not technically reductions in appropriation, we will not be given these amounts in our allocation. These holdbacks include:

- ◆ iCONN: reduction of \$461,722 - from \$1,968,794 to \$1,507,072
- ◆ reQuest: reduction of \$181,437 - from \$674,696 to \$493,259

Due to these holdbacks we have reduced current expenses in iCONN by cutting some of the databases.

As of October 1st the following databases were eliminated:

For Academic libraries:

- ◆ CINAHL Full-text (CINAHL indexing remains)
- ◆ Campus Research

For all libraries:

- ◆ AP Images
- ◆ *Boston Globe*

As of November 1st the following newspapers were eliminated:

- *Los Angeles Times*
- *Wall Street Journal* *
- *Washington Post*

**The Wall Street Journal* will continue to be available to academic libraries as part of ABI Inform.

COMING SOON... DOWNLOADABLE SEARCH WIDGETS

In November we hope to make available a new set of iCONN downloadable search widgets to use on library home pages. These will look similar to the new search widgets seen on our start page. Stay tuned...

CT DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

CT Digital Collections - available at <http://www.iconn.org/digitalcollections.aspx> - will be automatically searched and included in all Find Articles search results by late November.

ICONN SITE MAP

Reminder that the iCONN Site Map, available through a link on the bottom of iCONN screens can point you to the following information:

- ◆ Direct links to iCONN resources
- ◆ Direct links to Classic pages and Popular Magazines
- ◆ Technical support for iCONN databases

And much more....

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Find it on the Web at: www.iconn.org/siteindex.aspx under "Promotional Materials"

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IN-DISTRICT, HANDS-ON ICONN TRAINING

Trainers will come to your school to conduct **free** training on iCONN databases! This is designed to benefit all librarians (and teachers) in your district.

One school librarian must serve as the training coordinator for the district. S/he needs to:

- ◆ Contact the database vendor 8-12 weeks before training is needed
- ◆ Schedule time/day directly with trainer
- ◆ Schedule minimum of 2-3 hours training
- ◆ Reserve a training lab with 12 or more computers with Internet access
- ◆ Handle workshop publicity, registration, & refreshments
- ◆ Ensure that parking is available
- ◆ Ensure a minimum of 8 participants

Training contacts:

www.iconn.org/trainingcontacts.html

For more information, contact Kris Abery at: kabery@eslib.org or 800-253-7944 x305.

FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS FROM GALE

Late December we hope to have the following enhancements available in iCONN/PowerSearch:

- ◆ provide keyword-in-context text snippets along with search results for all article search results
- ◆ change the color of records in a search results list after the records have been viewed
- ◆ make it easier for mobile devices to access iCONN content with full functionality
- ◆ enable users to send search results via SMS (Short Message Service) to a user's cell phone

LONDON TIMES ADDED

A direct link to the *London Times* newspaper (with full-text coverage from July 1, 1985 to the present) was added on September 24, 2009. It is also automatically searched in PowerSearch.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

The following Library Media Specialists have joined the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board to represent the School Librarians category. They are:

- ◆ Diane Faiella, Library Media Specialist at Fairfield Ludlowe High School
- ◆ Karen Fecko, Library Media Specialist at Glastonbury High School.

Their terms run from 10/7/09—10/6/11.

Irene Iwan, Associate Librarian, Information Technology Services, Hartford Public Library, is Chair of the Board. John Coleman, Information Technology Services, Yale University, is Vice-Chair.

NEW ICONN BOOKMARKS

GALE has created a new fold-out type bookmark for iCONN with a tag-line of "Rev up your research with iCONN." We hope to have these available sometime in the next month.

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