



**iCONN, the Connecticut Digital Library**

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It's 4:00 p.m. on Sunday evening and your son announces he needs information for a homework assignment that is due Monday morning.

You've been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and need current, reliable information about your illness written in layman's terms.

Your daughter needs your help with a research paper and the school library isn't open in the evening when you are available to help her.

You are a community college student who works full-time and want to conduct research for a business course from your home in the evening.

iCONN, the Connecticut Digital Library, is for you. When iCONN officially opened its doors on the Web at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org), Connecticut took a major step forward in making an extensive set of information resources available over the Web for all its citizens.

Log onto iCONN to find magazine articles, reference books, newspaper articles, images and more. "Our goal for the Digital Library is to provide immediate, free access to timely and reliable information. More important, we want to provide that access at each citizen's desktop, at home, at the office, at their library or at school," said State Librarian Kendall Wiggin.

iCONN serves a variety of needs including student homework, and business and consumer health research. Magazine and newspaper databases targeting different age groups and needs make iCONN a valuable and useful resource for students of all ages from kindergarten through college as well as the general public. Among the resources added recently are the full-text of *The Hartford Courant* back to

1992, *The New York Times*, and biography, science and history databases. There also are searching skills, tutorials, a virtual reference desk providing Web-based dictionaries and encyclopedias, subject guides to Internet resources, and a statewide catalog of library holdings.

Log on now at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org) to explore this free resource available to you and your children. In addition to using iCONN at school and at the public library, students, parents and teachers may access the databases from a home computer with Internet access using their public library card number.

The Connecticut Digital Library is a component of the Connecticut Education Network, which, over time, will provide high-speed telecommunication access to all schools, colleges and public libraries. The Connecticut State Library in conjunction with the Department of Higher Education is administering the Digital Library.

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