

THE ICONN TIMES

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iCONN Bookmarks and Library Card Holders

iCONN Bookmarks and Library Card Holders are now available through the Connecticut Digital Library office.

iCONN Bookmarks (white with iCONN.org logo in color, sample available at www.iconn.org/documents/anotherbookmark.pdf) are available in packages of 500 for \$20 per box.

iCONN Library Card Holders (2 1/2" x 3": white with iCONN.org logo in color) are available in packages of 100 for \$15 per box.

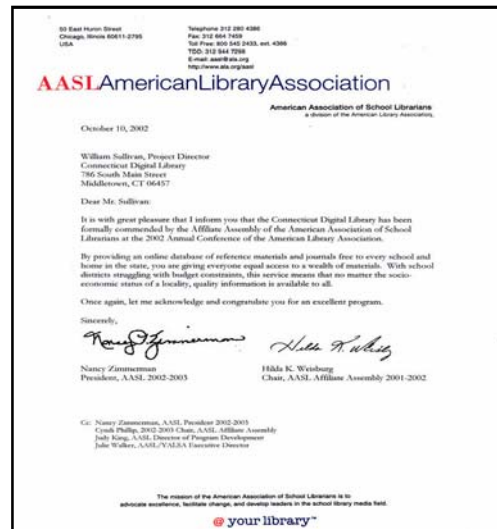
A link to the order forms (in Word and pdf formats) is available on the iCONN Support Materials Web-page at www.iconn.org/staff/support.html (see the fourth bulleted item) or contact us and we will fax an order form to you.

Questions? Contact the Digital Library Office at (860) 344-2475, toll free at (888) 256-1222, or fax at (860) 344-2556



AASL CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

The Connecticut Digital Library received a *Certificate of Commendation* from the Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association. The Certificate was awarded "in recognition of valuable contributions to the field of school librarianship." The accompanying letter further stated: "By providing an online database of reference materials and journals free to every school and home in the state, you are giving everyone equal access to a wealth of materials. With school districts struggling with budget constraints, this service means that no matter the socioeconomic status of a locality, quality information is available to all."



STATEWIDE E-MAIL DIRECTORY OF CONNECTICUT LIBRARIANS

The statewide e-mail directory of Connecticut librarians—located at www.cslib.org/cln/email.asp—is updated weekly and now contains over 1,100 addresses. Please check your listing to make sure it is accurate. If you

would like your e-mail address to be listed, or if you need to change a current listing, please use the submission form which you can access from the directory search screen.

EXPANSION OF ADDITIONAL RESEARCH RESOURCES

We have added many more sources and topics to the Additional Research Resources section of iCONN at www.iconn.org/virtual_ref.html, with an emphasis on full-

sources in the public domain. We will continue to develop this site over time as new sources become available. We hope you find this expanded site useful!

REQUEST PARTICIPATION STATISTICS

There are now 245 libraries using one or more of the reQuest statewide library catalog services (up from 228 libraries in July 2002). Included are 132 public libraries, 76 school libraries, 21 academic libraries and 16 special

libraries. 191 libraries are using the interlibrary loan service, 183 are using WebCAT (holdings maintenance), 27 are using the full cataloging module, and 65 are using CatExpress.

NEW ACADEMIC LIBRARY RESOURCES MADE POSSIBLE BY iCONN

Upcoming reQuest training dates—Middletown Library Service Center

- Jan. 30—PAC Administration and Interlibrary Loan

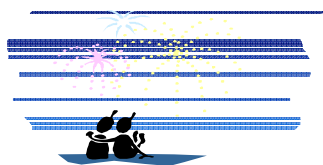
Upcoming iCONN training at the RESCs for public schools:

- Jan. 6—ACES
- Feb. 4—EASTCONN
- Feb. 14—LEARN
- Mar. 3—EASTCONN
- Apr. 2—CREC
- May 1 & 8—CES
- May 6—LEARN

For training and registration information please go to:

www.iconn.org/staff/trainingsched.html#school

New WilsonWeb Interface to Biographies Plus may require server updates. See www.iconn.org/staff/help.html#wilsonproxyfor



Happy New Year from the iCONN Staff!

To find out more about joining reQuest, please go to www.cslib.org/cln/join.htm

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Academic libraries continue to use the funds they save because of the state's investment in iCONN to expand their holdings and to build focused strength in their collections, in the form of books, monographs, or journals. Some examples of these important new resources for teaching and research include the following: *Albertus Magnus College*, focused collection in business; *Asnuntuck Community College*, additional electronic resources, especially in business, literature, and psychology; *Central Connecticut State University*, materials to build strength in Polish Studies; *Connecticut College*, strengthened collections in environmental studies; *Eastern Connecticut State University*, a printed Curriculum Center collection and a virtual/digital K-12 library for teacher preparation programs; *Gateway Community College*, resources for the new nursing program and for the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Counselor and Early Childhood Education programs; *The Graduate Institute*, expanded collections in Oral Tradition; *Holy Apostles College and Seminary*, abstracts and other materials in a number of areas, among them Canon Law, Catholicism, Church History, Papal and Conciliar Documents, and Theology; *Housatonic Community College*, increased collections in health sciences, chemistry, biology, cultural diversity, and various aspects of foreign cultures; *International College of Hospitality Management*, culinary and hospitality materials; *Manchester Community College*, various database and library materials, including books, periodicals, serials, and CD/DVD purchases; *Mitchell College*, strengthened collections in the areas of psychology and human development; *Naugatuck Valley Community College*, specialized online databases, and strengthened collections in biotechnology and digital arts technology; *Quinebaug Valley Community College*, strengthened collections in educational reference; *Rensselaer at Hartford*, expanded collections in engineering and Computer science and enhanced resources in management; *Sacred Heart University*, improved reference collections in business, education, and social

work and development of a Teaching Excellence Collection; *St. Basil College*, strengthened holdings in Ukrainian and Eastern European Studies, Catholicism and Eastern Christianity, and scholastic philosophy; *St. Joseph College*, improvements in holdings in art history and nursing, and in the Curriculum Materials Center; *Southern Connecticut State University*, strengthened collections in library science, education, and women's studies; *Trinity College*, strengthened collections in American studies, English, history, political science, economics, urban studies, psychology, biology, and chemistry; *Tunxis Community College*, strengthened collections in fine arts and graphics, literature, criminal justice, business, and behavioral science; *US Coast Guard Academy*, strengthened collections in leadership and management; *University of Bridgeport*, strengthened collections in alternative medicine and in computer science, engineering, education, and business; *University of Connecticut*, expanded on-line databases; *University of New Haven*, strengthened collections in criminal justice, forensic science, computer science, engineering, education, dental hygiene, and business; *Western Connecticut State University*, additional databases in support of professional studies in education, art, and social work; and *Yale University*, continued enrichment of all its collections, which are made available to the residents and students of Connecticut as part of the iCONN agreement.

These resources are available to students and faculty throughout Connecticut and will enable college and university students throughout the state to make use of a range of materials not currently available to them. Because of iCONN, Connecticut's students and faculty will have better access to specialized materials at the cutting edge of intellectual investigation. That is a wonderful benefit for the future of our state.

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