

# The iCONN Times™

*News from the Connecticut Digital Library  
for public [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org)  
for staff [www.iconn.org/staff](http://www.iconn.org/staff)*

Welcome to the first volume of this bulletin. The Connecticut Library Network has become iCONN, the Connecticut Digital Library. reQuest - the Statewide Library Catalog - is now part of iCONN. Our Web pages have undergone some revision. All staff-related information about reQuest is now located at [www.iconn.org/staff](http://www.iconn.org/staff) (click on the "reQuest" button).

## ReQuest Membership 2001/2002

Another new year has begun. The reQuest Basic membership includes PAC Administration, Interlibrary Loan, and WebCAT holdings maintenance. The cost remains at \$300 for this fiscal year.

The full cataloging module, CAT, is also available as an add-on service with the Basic reQuest membership. The cost for CAT remains at \$350 for this fiscal year.

## New Cataloging Service Available!

OCLC's CatExpress is now available to reQuest members for fiscal year 2001/2002. For .893 per record your library can have access to over 47 million records in the OCLC WorldCat bibliographic database. As of July 1, 2001 45 libraries signed up through reQuest.

For more information about this product please visit [www.cslib.org/cln/catexpress.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/catexpress.htm).

## Helpful Library Staff Links

For staff view of reQuest services, go to: [www.iconn.org/staff/reQuest.html](http://www.iconn.org/staff/reQuest.html)

For a direct link to the Connecticut Union List of Serials through reQuest, go to: [www.auto-graphics.com/cgicln/mmx/culs/Access](http://www.auto-graphics.com/cgicln/mmx/culs/Access)

## Contributing Holdings

During FY2000/2001 reQuest went over the 3.5 million record mark thanks to the efforts of Connecticut libraries' record contributions. Keep up the good work and remember to update at least monthly if your library is not already on the daily OCLC service or part of a network.

For information on contributing records to reQuest including how to electronically send them via FTP, go to: [www.cslib.org/cln/contribreq.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/contribreq.htm)

## Stay in Touch: reQuest E-mail Lists

Our Web pages are a good way to stay current with reQuest activities, but you



may want to consider subscribing to the reQuest Cataloging and/or Interlibrary Loan e-mail lists. These lists are a great way, not only for iCONN staff to communicate with you, but also for you to communicate with your reQuest colleagues. Information on subscribing to the reQuest Cataloging list is at [www.cslib.org/cln/catlist.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/catlist.htm) and information on subscribing to the Interlibrary Loan list is at [www.cslib.org/cln/illmail.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/illmail.htm).

### **A New "Face" for reQuest**

reQuest will migrate to a new "interface," which Auto-Graphics is calling Impact/Online 2 or IOL2, sometime this Fall. Auto-Graphics has given us a tentative migration date of early September. The new interface includes separate entry URLs for staff and public logins, significantly improved search screens, and a searchable institutional database where libraries will be able to input detailed ILL policy information. By mid-July you will have access to a demo database where you can execute searches, catalog, and process interlibrary loan requests. When it becomes available, we will send information on accessing this demo database. Stay tuned!

### **ReQuest Training**

iCONN offers training opportunities to staff from all libraries participating in reQuest. These training sessions are given on an on-going basis and are free of additional charge to reQuest participants. Since we are moving to a new interface this fall, we will be scheduling a round of "re-training" sessions. These sessions will be aimed at staff of libraries who have been participating in reQuest services, but who would like training on the new interface. We will be announcing dates to these sessions through our respective e-mail lists

and on our Web pages at [www.cslib.org/cln/training.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/training.htm)

### **What will reQuest look like in 2004?**

Our three-year contract with Auto Graphics ends on June 30, 2002 with the possibility of two one-year renewals thereafter. To facilitate planning for the successor to the current system, we have created a document for public viewing and comment called *reQuest: The Next Generation* located at [www.cslib.org/cln/rfc.pdf](http://www.cslib.org/cln/rfc.pdf). It outlines some of the features that we would like to see in the next system and is intended to serve as a framework for discussion with both reQuest participants and with potential suppliers of next generation services. We have issued this document as a Request for Comment, meaning that it will be constantly updated to reflect our discussions with vendors, users, and knowledgeable experts in the field. Please take the time to review it and send us your comments.

### **General Statistics – FY 2000/2001**

- 3.5+ million records in reQuest
- 16+ million holdings in reQuest
- 131,972 logins to reQuest/WebPAC
- 948,867 searches on WebPAC
  
- 171 libraries participating in reQuest ILL
- 41,136 items loaned through reQuest ILL
  
- 24 libraries trained and activated to provide Interlibrary Loan
- 18 libraries trained to use reQuest Cataloging services
- 27 libraries trained to use and customize reQuest/WebPAC