

# THE ICONN TIMES

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## ICONN FUNDING

iCONN received additional funding of \$500,000 for Fiscal Year 2003. What does this mean?

- All public and school databases will continue to be available through June 30, 2003.

- All academic databases with the exception of ATLA Religion and LexisNexis Statistical Universe Basic Power Tables will be available through June 30, 2003.



## ICONN PUBLIC AWARENESS

The United Technologies Corporation posted a link to iCONN on its main corporate intranet site, which is viewable by 152,000 employees worldwide, and also provided the link to each of its seven business units, each of whom operate their own intranet sites.

Northeast Utilities/CL&P will include an article about iCONN in the September issue of the newsletter that it distributes to its 60,000 senior citizens.

United Illuminating Company's electric utility bill insert for June included a promotional piece about iCONN. It was mailed to all of UI's

318,000 customers in 17 towns in the Greater Bridgeport and New Haven areas.

Aetna agreed to include the same information about iCONN in its weekly newsletter that is e-mailed to 20,000+ employees.

The Small Business Administration—Connecticut office established links to iCONN from two locations on its website, and will also include an article about iCONN in its next member newsletter.

iCONN was exhibited at the CT PTA Conference on May 10-11, and the CT Home School Network Conference on May 11.

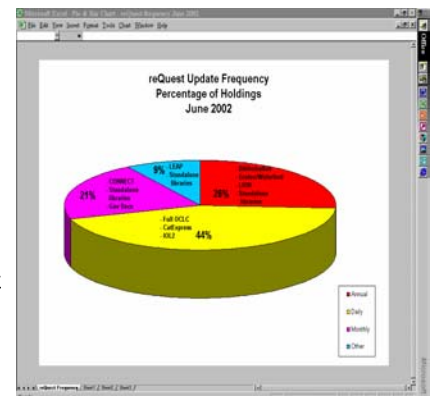
## HOW CURRENT IS REQUEST?

In June 2002 Gail Hurley compiled information on the currency of holdings in reQuest. The report, based upon 361 contributing libraries and 17,793,512 holdings indicates that:

- 44% of the holdings in reQuest are updated daily
- 21% of the holdings in reQuest are updated monthly
- 26% of the holdings in reQuest are updated annually
- 9% of the holdings in reQuest are updated in other time intervals

The report also indicates that:

- 36% of the libraries contribute records daily to reQuest
- 15% of the libraries contribute monthly to reQuest
- 25% of the libraries contribute annually to reQuest
- 24% of the libraries contribute at other time intervals



iCONN staff encourages all contributors to update their holdings in reQuest at least monthly.

## Upcoming reQuest Training Dates

September 18, 2002

- Pac 8:30-12:00
- ILL1:00-4:00

September 25, 2002

- WebCAT 9:00-12:00
- CAT 1:00-4:00 (tentative)

Training is held in the computer lab at the Middletown Library Service Center. All reQuest training is hands-on.

See [www.cslib.org/cln/training.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/training.htm) for more information



To find out more about joining reQuest for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2002, please go to [www.cslib.org/cln/join.htm](http://www.cslib.org/cln/join.htm)

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## iCONN STATISTICS FY2001/2002

iCONN Staff compiled general reQuest statistics from July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. They are as follows:

- Records in reQuest Main Catalog: 3,654,054
- Holdings in reQuest Main Catalog: 17,793,520
- Records in reQuest Serials Catalog: 70,214
- Holdings in reQuest Serials Catalog: 194,919
- Logins to reQuest PAC: 290,527
- Searches in reQuest PAC: 921,527

- Libraries with holdings in reQuest Main Catalog: 363
- Libraries with holdings in reQuest Serials Catalog: 465
- More than 48,000 interlibrary loan requests were filled through reQuest.

More than 4.7 million searches were conducted in the iCONN databases from July 2001 through June 2002. The breakdown is as follows:

- 40% academic libraries
- 31% school libraries
- 29% public libraries

## SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN AND THE NEW YORKER NOW AVAILABLE ON iCONN

Over 20 years of full-text articles from these prestigious publications are now included in InfoTrac OneFile, Student Edition, Expanded Academic and General Reference Center Gold. A variety of financial publications from the Fed-

eral Reserve Bank of Atlanta and a significant number of professional business, law and healthcare journals from Aspen Publishers have also been added to these iCONN databases. .

## HARTFORD COURANT COVERAGE

A notice was distributed to libraries clarifying content restrictions in the online version of *The Hartford Courant* as compared with the printed version. The online version does include staff-written articles, obits, and editorials. The paper has contracts with most of their freelancers so most freelance articles are also included. The

online paper does not include graphics, wire, or syndicated articles, articles from other newspapers, sports agate and stock tables. For example, articles from Knight-Ridder and Associated Press that appear in the printed version of the *Courant* will not appear in the online paper..

## OCLC'S CATEXPRESS

Once again iCONN has offered access to OCLC's CatExpress product through a basic reQuest membership. 60 libraries have signed up as of July 1st to use this service.

The consortia rate is .894 per record. Libraries buy a pool of records upfront to use for the year. Libraries have signed up for as little as 5 records for the year and as much as 2000 records for the year. Each library determines what is best for them and their budget.

CatExpress has an easy-to-use web interface to search OCLC's WorldCAT database of over 50 million records. Libraries search and download the MARC records to use in their own local library systems. Copies of the records

downloaded can also go automatically into reQuest as well.

OCLC provides an online tutorial which you can try out at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/cataloging/catexpress/catxtutorial.htm> .

If you are interested in this product you may contact Gail Hurley, Statewide Library Catalog Coordinator at 860-344-2652 or toll free at 888-256-1222. You can also read Gail's article "CatExpress provides a solution for Connecticut:" on page 36 in OCLC's March/April newsletter, found online at <http://www.oclc.org/news/newsletter/oclcnewsletter256.pdf> .