

THE ICONN TIMES

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- iCONN selects *The Times* (London)
- IOL2 Live October 22!
- New marketing materials
- iCONN/reQuest training

NEW DATABASES & INTERFACES!

Newspapers

iCONN has gone international in its coverage! iCONN is pleased to announce that it has added *The Times* (London) and *Sunday Times* (London) to its newspaper collection available through the Gale Group.

A new link named "iCONN Newspaper Collection" was created within the iCONN resources for public and school libraries. It allows users to search one, a combination, or all of the following full-text newspapers simultaneously:

- *The New York Times* (last 12 months-present)
- *The Times* (London) (Monday-Saturday) (1997- present)
- *Sunday Times* (London) with *Times Literary Supplement* (1997- present)
- *Washington Post* (1996-present)
- *Christian Science Monitor* (1996-present)



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Discovering Collection

Gale upgraded the interface to the Discovering Collection to make it easier to search specific Discovery Collections, and to add more functionality. By popular demand, Gale has also changed the search interface to InfoTrac Students to the adult level interface!

REQUEST LIVE ON IOL2

On October 22, reQuest, the statewide library catalog, migrated to a new version of Auto-Graphics software, Impact Online 2 (IOL2).

Libraries and patrons accessing the old re-Quest URL are temporarily being re-directed to the new URL through a redirect page. The new URL for patrons and non-reQuest participants, which you can bookmark directly is:

<http://rqst-iol2.auto-graphics.com/wp2000/signin.asp?cid=rqst&lid=RQST&mode=P>

All participating libraries in reQuest (Pac

Admin, ILL, WebCAT, CAT) have been re-assigned new unique URLs based on the new version. Usernames and passwords have not changed. These unique URLs are listed at : www.cslib.org/cln/index.htm.

Auto-Graphics was also able to provide us once more with a direct link to the reQuest serials catalog. This link to CULS is:

[Http://rqst.auto-graphics.com/wp2000/signin.asp?cid=rqst&lid=CULS&mode=P](http://rqst.auto-graphics.com/wp2000/signin.asp?cid=rqst&lid=CULS&mode=P)

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Upcoming events where iCONN will be exhibited

October 17—Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

October 29—CECA Annual Conference

November 9—CEMA Annual Conference

November 16—CABE Annual Conference

REQUEST LIVE ON IOL2 (CONT'D FROM P.1)

The new version of reQuest contains many new features. There is:

- an easier to use interface with better designed screens;
- enriched MARC records with jacket art, annotations, etc.;



New reQuest search screen.

- the ability to sort search results;
- full library names replace the 10-character symbols in search result holdings display;
- search results include icons that indicate the type of material (book, microfilm, sound, etc.);
- a searchable institutional database, providing detailed ILL policy information; and
- a blank ILL request form which patrons can use to request items not found in reQuest.

The institutional database contains detailed ILL policy and contact information both for participating and non-participating libraries. Participating libraries can use the system to Update their information directly. Non-participating libraries can add or update their information through iCONN staff. It is recommended that all libraries be represented, so that patrons who click on the library holding link will get complete information.

GETTING THE WORD OUT

The Support Materials section of the iCONN website—located at www.iconn.org/staff/support.html—now includes in the Promotional Materials a one-page flyer in pdf format called *Attention: All Connecticut Residents* which describes each of the databases available through iCONN. We encourage libraries to widely disseminate this flyer to patrons at the library, and through library newsletters or local media, as a way to get the word out on this service.

The original reQuest (CLN) bookmark for pa-

trons has been updated with the iCONN logo and added to the Promotional Materials section found in “About iCONN” (for patrons) and in the Support Materials for library staff. The direct URL is www.cslib.org/cln/reqbook.pdf.

iCONN was exhibited for the first time at the Eastern States Exposition on September 18. A 37” flat panel, gas plasma display was recently acquired to demo iCONN at this and other upcoming exhibitions. See the Upcoming Events section to the left for other iCONN exhibits.

ICCONN TRAINING

The State Library has entered into an agreement with the State Department of Education and the Connecticut Alliance of Regional Educational Service Centers to provide train-the-trainer training on iCONN to public schools throughout the state. As part of the agreement the State Library will develop a training manual that library media specialists can use in their school districts. This manual will be available for the Spring training sessions that will be listed in the next issue of Tech Times, a RESC publication. Fall training classes for schools are listed at www.iconn.org/staff/trainingsched.html#school.

160 library staff members were trained on the new version of reQuest at sessions held in October. Training will be held for new members and those needing a refresher in November.



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