

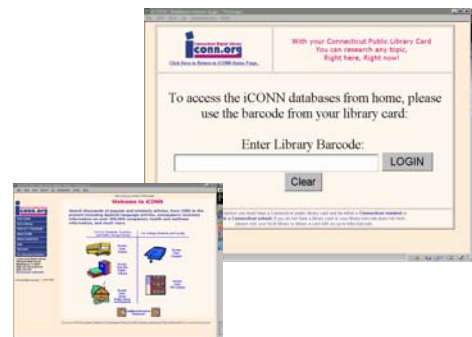
THE ICONN TIMES

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NEW IMPROVED REMOTE ACCESS

Remote access to iCONN's public/school databases has now been made much more convenient by providing a single login procedure for all databases so there is no longer a need to authenticate separately for each vendor's database (Gale, NewsBank, and Wilson). Click on the "Access from Home" icon and enter your barcode number one time into the login screen. This new remote access method was implemented on the iCONN server by the Connecticut State University Systems Office at the initiative of and in close coordination with Jane Emerson.



ICONN STATISTICS

Individual library and school statistics are available from all three of the iCONN vendors:

- The Gale Group
- NewsBank (The Hartford Courant)
- H.R. Wilson (Wilson Biographies Plus III.)

To obtain the reports for your library, follow the instructions at www.iconn.org/staff/support.html.

Note: reports are available for registered institutions. If several schools are included in a district-level registration, the available report will be for district-wide use and will not be broken down by school.

If you have any questions about how your library or school is registered, please contact Jane Emerson at jemerson@cslib.org or 860-344-2521.

Order your iCONN Bookmarks and Library Card Holders today!

To order these materials, please go online to:

www.iconn.org/staff/support.html

Bookmarks—\$20 for 500.

Card Holders—\$15 for 100.

If you cannot access the order form online, or have questions, contact Steve Cauffman at the CT Digital Library at scauffman@cslib.org or toll-free at 888-256-1222.

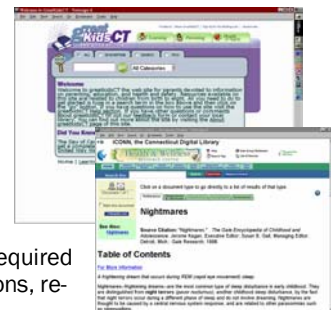


GREATKIDSCCT LINKS TO GALE'S HEALTH & WELLNESS

With assistance from Gale, a link was created between the GreatKidsCT, a health information database created for parents and professional caregivers, and the Gale Health & Wellness health information database. The purpose of the link is to retrieve relevant information from Health & Wellness, if available, whenever performing keyword searches in GreatKidsCT. All Health & Wellness links will be reviewed before being added to the GreatKidsCT database to ensure that only the most relevant materials are retrieved from Health & Wellness. You can see how these links work by doing the following:

- Go to www.greatkidsct.org
- Enter "nightmares" as a search term and hit enter
- Select the last article retrieved.

So far, the links for "nightmares" and for "safety seats" are the only two that have been entered into the GreatKidsCT database. Other links are in the process of being selected and entered into the GreatKidsCT database. Although no authentication would be required to access Health & Wellness from GreatKidsCT from remote locations, remote access would be limited to Health & Wellness.



Upcoming reQuest Training Dates

December 6, 2002

- Pac 8:30-12:00
- ILL 1:00-4:30

December 13, 2002

- WebCAT 9:00-12:00
- CAT 1:00-4:00

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 for more information

Upcoming Conferences

Come visit the iCONN exhibit booths at:

- CECA—October 28; Cromwell Radisson
- CEMA—November 4; Cromwell Radisson

reQuest staff is presenting a program at CEMA: *reQuest @ Your School*

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

The *iCONN Times* is a quarterly publication of the Connecticut Digital Library and can be found at www.iconn.org/staff/support.html.

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iCONN Expands Academic Library Resources

iCONN's academic databases have improved Connecticut's college and university libraries by providing increased access to information resources for the entire academic community. When they accepted the invitation to

participate in iCONN, the presidents and the library directors of Connecticut's colleges and universities agreed that iCONN's academic resources would supplement and not substitute for library acquisition and development funds in their institutions. Academic libraries will use the funds they save because of the state's investment to expand their

own holdings and to build focused collection strength in their own collections, in the form of books, monographs, or journals. As our academic libraries build those focused strengths and develop "centers of excellence" in their collections, it is anticipated that those libraries will make selected resources available to students and faculty at participating Connecticut colleges and universities.



These efforts will provide improved information services and support through increased resource sharing among participating libraries, thereby enabling college and university students throughout the state to make use

of a range of materials not currently available to them. Connecticut's students and faculty will in turn have better access to specialized materials at the cutting edge of intellectual investigation.

This is a unique educational opportunity, and we are especially grateful to Connecticut's college and university presidents and li-

brary directors for the interest, participation, and welcome advice in iCONN's planning efforts, all of which have been important as we have taken the steady steps forward in this essential enhancement of higher education in Connecticut.

*By Jonas Zdanys, Associate Commissioner,
Connecticut Department of Higher Education*

iCONN FALL 2002 TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS

iCONN training is being conducted by Regional Educational Service Center staff using the iCONN Training Manual. Each class is open on a statewide basis. There are registration fees and CEUs are granted. Further details and registration information can be found at:

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

The training schedule is as follows:

CREC (Hartford) 10/10
Education Connection (Litchfield) 10/21
CES (Trumbull) 10/24,10/30
EASTCONN (Hampton) 11/4

ISSUING OUT-OF-STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CARDS TO OUT-OF-STATE USERS

Our current iCONN database license agreements are intended to restrict access to iCONN databases to Connecticut residents. Some libraries near the border routinely issue (and sometimes sell) their in-state library cards to out-of-state residents, which has the unintended consequence of allowing out-of-state users to remotely access the public/school iCONN databases in violation of our license agreements. To resolve this problem, we plan to:

- Issue barcodes with a unique barcode range (statewide) that would deny access to iCONN databases by out-of-state users;

or, at the library's option,

- Establish individual library-specific barcode ranges in order to preclude out-of-state access to both iCONN databases as well as to local databases licensed by that library.

It should be noted that license agreements do permit all K-12 teachers to access the databases from out-of-state. Accordingly, we will encourage towns to issue in-state library cards to these teachers, or if that presents a problem, we will provide the special iCONN barcodes for statewide use.