

# THE ICONN TIMES

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REMINDER:  
IP ADDRESS  
CHANGES

Over the past few months, a number of schools and libraries upgraded and/or reconfigured their Internet access and network. The IP address(es) for the library's Internet access may have changed in the process. If you're asked for a username and password when you try to use iCONN databases, check with your technical staff to get the current IP address(es), and e-mail the information to: [jemerson@cslib.org](mailto:jemerson@cslib.org).

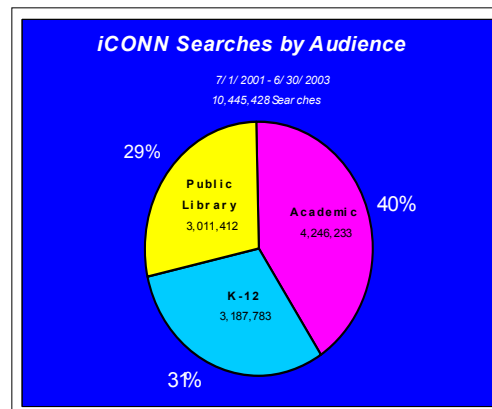
Updates require 24 business hours to process.



## \$\$ and Sense: More than 10 Million Searches!

The budget signed by the Governor includes sufficient funding for both iCONN and reQuest to continue current services for the next two years. For iCONN, the budget contains \$1,897,200 for FY 2004 and \$1,894,322 for FY 2005. For reQuest, it contains \$710,206 (same as FY 2003) for each of the next two fiscal years.

From July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003, users performed more than 10 million searches in iCONN databases (40% academic, 31% school, 29% public libraries), and more than 1.8 million searches in reQuest. During FY 2003 alone, users conducted more than 5.6 million searches (41% academic, 30% school, 29% public libraries) in iCONN databases, an 18% increase over FY 2002, and over 951,775 searches in reQuest.



A press release on the occasion of iCONN surpassing 10 million searches was issued by Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell on August 11, 2003. The press release is linked from the main iCONN homepage at [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org).

## News You Can Use: Wilson Online Training

H. W. Wilson has created an online, narrated training demo for Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated. To try the new 10 minute training demo:

1. Go to [www.hwwilson.com/\\_promotrials/ICON/icon.htm](http://www.hwwilson.com/_promotrials/ICON/icon.htm)
2. Click on Bio Reference Bank with Gray Young - August 2003

The demo requires the Webex player. If you have not used Webex before, the demo will attempt to download the Webex player. This download only takes a few seconds.

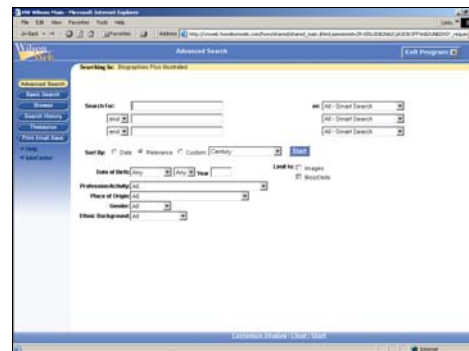
After the player and demo load, the demo will begin. Use the Webex control panel to pause/rewind/ff. To close the demo, simply click on the X of the control panel (the X on the corner of the demo screen doesn't do anything). You'll find additional Webex instructions at [www.iconn.org/staff/documents/webexplayer.pdf](http://www.iconn.org/staff/documents/webexplayer.pdf)

Let your staff know or show the 10 minute training demo at your next staff meeting!

We are really interested in your feedback!

1. Were you able to successfully install and run the demo?
2. Is the training demo helpful?
3. Should we ask all of our iCONN vendors to provide similar, short, narrated sessions for the databases?

Send feedback to: [jemerson@cslib.org](mailto:jemerson@cslib.org)



STAFF  
CHANGES

Marisa Kalt joined the Connecticut Digital Library staff as statewide library catalog coordinator (part-time) on October 20, 2003. Previously, Marisa supervised Technical Services and was Dynix systems administrator at Hamden Library, and prior to that, was the systems administrator of the LEAP library network. She has extensive experience in managing system upgrades, maintaining database integrity, cataloging, training coordination, vendor contact, day-to-day technical operations, and providing Internet-based services to the public.

Marisa will be responsible for the ongoing development of the reQuest catalog, ensuring its currency and integrity, and reQuest cataloging services, including CatExpress. She will be the focal point for libraries wanting to add their holdings to reQuest.



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## reQuest Serials Catalog (CULS) Updated

The reQuest Serials Catalog, which is updated once annually, is now current as of July 5, 2003. Also known as the Connecticut Union List of Serials or CULS, it contains 69,483 titles and 203,449 holdings. It also now includes detailed holdings for the CT Newspaper Project, showing specific holding date ranges for each format type (e.g., see

*Ansonia Evening Sentinel*). The next serials catalog update will be produced on July 5, 2004. The serials catalog can be accessed directly by going to [www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org) and clicking the "Find a Book" button and then the reQuest Serials Catalog link, or it can be accessed through the main reQuest catalog by selecting it from the Use Database drop-down menu.

## C-Car Update

On June 1, 2003 the State Library entered into a partnership with, BeavEx, a North Haven vendor, to improve Connecticut delivery to public and academic libraries in the state. As part of the contract with BeavEx, other **libraries not currently on the Connecticut service may purchase delivery at our contracted price if they are in a part of the state serviced by BeavEx.** This includes schools, public library branches, non-principal libraries, and special libraries. Cost varies depending on the location of the library. The state is divided into four regions costing \$7.78, \$8.17, \$8.67 or \$9.67 per stop. The regions are determined by how close your town is to the Greenwich to New Haven to Enfield "corridor." Each stop will include both pick-up and delivery and will not be dependent on your volume. You may purchase any number of stops per week. If you are a school, you have the option of purchasing stops for only the academic year. Billing and arrangements will be done

directly with BeavEx. If you are interested in arranging for delivery, please contact: David Ahern  
1 Corporate Drive, North Haven, CT 06473  
203-234-2250 ext 322, [dahern@beavex.com](mailto:dahern@beavex.com)

**For more information**, please contact Sharon Brettschneider, Head of the Division of Library Development, Connecticut State Library, e-mail: [sbrett@cslib.org](mailto:sbrett@cslib.org), phone 860-757-6665

The State Library began a **new C-Car listserv** to improve communication to libraries about the delivery service. All libraries should have at least one staff person subscribe to the listserv. If you purchase delivery you are welcome to join the listserv to get relevant news, including any route changes.

To subscribe send a message to: [imailsrv@list.state.ct.us](mailto:imailsrv@list.state.ct.us)

In body of message type:

subscribe ccar your first name your last name

## 425 Million Images from Google Now in Gale

Searching for images has never been easier. Using the new embedded Google Image Search, users can search for pictures based on their Gale database search. For example,

To ensure that the embedded Google Image Search does not return inappropriate images, Gale has chosen to automatically default to the Google SafeSearch "strict" filtering option. While no filter is 100% effective, testing has shown that images that could be considered offensive are typically not returned via the Google Image Search.

The Google Image Search feature has been

automatically turned on in the following InfoTrac Web databases, but customers have the option to turn off this feature via InfoTrac Configuration:

- \* Academic ASAP
- \* Expanded Academic ASAP
- \* General Reference Center Gold
- \* Informe
- \* InfoTrac OneFile
- \* InfoTrac Junior Edition
- \* InfoTrac Student Edition

For more information about this new InfoTrac feature, see the Google Image Search FAQ: [access.gale.com/google/](http://access.gale.com/google/)