

THE iCONN TIMES

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iCONN Times Notice

Note: The July issue of the iCONN Times was delayed due to uncertainty regarding the budget, so that issue is being combined with this issue for October.



Budget—Good News

The budgets for iCONN and reQuest were restored to the levels set in the last budget approved by the legislature. This enabled us to **restore access to CINAHL Full Text** through iCONN for academic libraries right away (once link testing was completed), and **ProQuest National Newspapers** for all libraries by **October 1**. This includes the *Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Washington Post*.

It will also allow us to **restore all cover art, professional reviews** and related record enrichments in reQuest effective **October 1, 2011**. The budget for FY 2013 is the same as for FY 2012 so, barring any future cuts, we anticipate this restored content will remain at least through FY 2013.

ProQuest Newspapers Trial Until October 15

Prior to and during the restoration of iCONN's access to ProQuest National Newspapers, ProQuest granted us *trial* access to the same collection should it be needed. The trial is still in effect until October 15 (now mainly as a backup) and can be accessed from this link if needed:

<https://www.proquest.com/trials/trialSummary.action?view=subject&trialBean.token=SI9DBBIS20Y4QMWBWA2Y>

Downloadable Audiobooks Moved on October 1

iCONN's downloadable audio book vendor, Ingram, ceased hosting its own audiobooks on October 1 and instead arranged for Recorded Books to host Ingram's audiobooks on Recorded Books' platform. As a result, iCONN's audiobooks moved to the Recorded Books platform on October 1 and Ingram's platform is no longer accessible. The State Library will be able to purchase downloadable audiobooks from both Recorded Books and Ingram. For updates and FAQ, see <http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/AudioBooksNews.aspx>. As always, questions and comments are welcomed at Eric.A.Hansen@ct.gov or 860-704-2224.

Improving Relevance Sorting in reQuest

Auto-Graphics will soon be implementing an improved algorithm for the sorting of search results by relevancy in the reQuest statewide library catalog. The primary purpose of the improvement is to increase the likelihood that searches for specific titles (such as, *Da Vinci Code*) entered either as general keyword searches or as title searches will return the appropriate title at the top of the list, given the number of variant titles and contingent on how records are cataloged. The catalog will need to be re-indexed to support the new algorithm. We would welcome your comments on the change. You can send your comments to Gail Hurley at Gail.Hurley@ct.gov or use the form at: <http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/SendComments.aspx>.

iCONN Training

Reminder that iCONN offers free training opportunities for staff.

This includes free webinars as well as information on how to arrange for hands-on in-district iCONN training.

For detailed information please visit :

<http://www.iconn.org/documents/TrainingOpportunities.pdf>

Downloadable Audiobooks Donation

In July the Stratford Library Association generously donated its collection of 150 Ingram downloadable audio books to the iCONN collection. These titles, mostly fiction and YA fiction, were added to iCONN's collection and are available for searching, holds and checkout. The State Library is very grateful to the Stratford Library Association for this donation!



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National Hispanic Heritage Month Resources Available until October 15

iCONN's database vendors have graciously agreed to furnish free access for a limited time to some of their licensed resources relevant to National Hispanic Heritage Month. The resources are on an iCONN web page that you can access from this link:

<http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/HispanicHeritageMonth.aspx>

Gale PowerSearch Enhancements

Gale launched several enhancements to Power Search on August 1. All "In Context" resources (Biography, History and Science) are now included in Power Search queries.

Other enhancements are:

- Most viewed articles and searches are presented up front
- Search Assist: a drop down menu of suggested terms displays as the user keys in search terms
- Content types will appear to the left, videos and podcasts on the right
- More search limiter choices
- Enhanced subject guide searching, with new limiters
- Advanced search will include search assist and more limiters

For an overview video of the enhancements, see:

<https://www.brainshark.com/gale/vu?pi=zGbz10gT5pz2BNNz0> or <http://is.gd/fYtJ10>

iCONN's E-Reference Books Update

As the final step in iCONN's special agreement with Cengage Gale for e-reference books, we have added approximately 40 new titles to iCONN's Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL) collection.

Gale has also provided iCONN with a complimentary upgrade to certain eBook titles in our collection to provide access to the most recent editions available.

The old editions of these titles were removed from iCONN's GVRL Collection in May.

The updated titles are:

- The Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine, 3rd edition (2009) (ISBN 9781414448770)
- The Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer, 3rd edition (2010) (ISBN 9781414476018)
- The Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders, 3rd edition (2010) (ISBN 9781414476056)

Direct links to the 100+ titles in the collection, and MARC records, are available at

http://access.gale.com/iconn/gvrl_upgrade.html

E-Journal Title Updates

When unsure about journal title changes in the iCONN E-Journal Finder, you may go to the following link at Gale to see a listing of updates:

http://www.gale.cengage.com/title_lists/change.htm.

Gale tries to update this site every month to help inform customers of title changes.