

Learning Resources and Technology

Newsletter

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iCONN **Connecticut's Digital Library**

Lt. Governor M. Jodi Rell and State Librarian Kendall Wiggin officially unveiled iCONN at a ceremony at the State Library on April 9, 2001.

Access to iCONN's internet-based databases is now possible from any school, public library or academic institution that has registered with the State Library. A new addition to the menu of databases is **¡Informe!**, a full-text Spanish language database designed to meet the needs of researchers or casual browsers. The database includes the full text of 50 Spanish language and bilingual periodicals, including "Actual," "Latina," and "Siempre!" **¡Informe!** also is designed to be accessible to English-speaking users as the interface presents titles in both Spanish and English.

iCONN resources can be accessed from home, or any other remote site, but will require the user to have a barcoded borrower's card from their Connecticut public library. Visit iCONN at:

<http://www.iconn.org/>

Information on registering a school or district is available at the above address.

Connecticut History Online

Through the collaboration of The Connecticut Historical Society, the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the UCONN and Mystic Seaport, students and teachers now have access to a virtual collection of images of Connecticut's people, places and events. This collection of about 14,000 photographs, prints and drawings depicts the social, industrial, economic and

political changes that took place from the beginning of the 19th through the mid-20th centuries. Check it out at:

<http://www.lib.uconn.edu/cho>

2001 Nutmeg Book Award Ceremony

On Friday, May 4, the Farmington Public Schools and Farmington Library will host the 2001 Nutmeg Award Ceremony. It will be held at Irving Robbins Middle School at 6:30 p.m. and will feature Lee Wardlaw, author of *101 Ways to Bug Your Parents*, this year's winning book. A book sale featuring Ms. Wardlaw's books and copies of the new Nutmeg book nominees also will be held. Mark Shepard of DrumSongStory will provide entertainment before and after the ceremony.

Students in grades 4-6, teachers, library media specialists and librarians are encouraged to attend the event. The ceremony is free, but reservations are required. To RSVP, contact Suzanne Maryeski at the Farmington Library. (860-673-6791)

The Nutmeg Children's Book Award encourages children in grades 4-6 to read quality literature and to choose their favorite from an annual list of ten nominated titles. For more information about the Nutmeg Award, timeline, and a list of the 2002 nominees, visit the web site:

http://www.geocities.com/nutmeg_award/

The award is jointly sponsored by the Connecticut Educational Media Association and the Connecticut Library Association.

Connecticut Reads 2001

The Governor's Summer Reading Challenge 2001 is underway. The theme for this year's challenge is "Your voyage to the future begins with reading." The goal is two million books read by children and young adults across the state. Bookmarks, reading journals and a poster are being mailed in early May to every school and public library in the state. School library media specialists and public librarians are encouraged to work together to incorporate the summer reading challenge into other summer activities and reading initiatives.

In addition to the materials being mailed, the State Department of Education web site has additional information and promotional material – including "A Message to Parents and Students" that emphasizes the importance of reading and gives suggestions for encouraging reading at home.

<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/>

Click on the Commissioner's section.

Summer reading results should be tallied in September. Brief instructions and a tally sheet will be mailed to principals in August, or they may be downloaded from the SDE website.

Technology Competencies for School Administrators

The International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) has issued a draft document proposing technology standards for school administrators. The purpose for the document is to build a national consensus about what all K-12 administrators need to know and be able to do with educational technology. The standards are grouped into six categories:

- Leadership and vision;
- Learning and teaching;
- Productivity and professional practice;
- Support, management and operations;
- Assessment and evaluation; and,
- Social, legal and ethical issues.

In addition to the draft of the standards, the site provides a form for on-line feedback concerning the proposed standards.

<http://cnets.iste.org/tssa/>

Knowledge Network

Attached you will find the May schedule for the Knowledge Network, Connecticut's instructional television fixed service (ITFS) system. In order to receive the programming a school must have a special antenna and decoder.

Descriptions for most of the programs listed can be found in the *Instructional Television Schedule and Resource Guide*.

Other programs include:

Colonial Williamsburg Field Trips: electronic field trips for students in grades 4-8. Program information is available at:

<http://history.org/trips>

Gettysburg: The Face of Battle: a live field trip targeting 8th grade students. The program will be broadcast from Gettysburg National Park. Additional information is available at:

<http://www.nps.gov/gett>

NASA CONNECT: NASA specials are developed for students in grades 5-8 and support national math, science and technology standards. Lesson guides are available at:

<http://edu.larc.nasa.gov/connect/>

Request Days: No programming is scheduled for these days. For a broadcast of an instructional television series or program that may have been missed, contact Betty Goyette (860-566-6660).

The Knowledge Network will conclude broadcasts for the 2000-2001 school year at the end of May. Broadcasts will resume in late September, 2001.

Have a great summer.

Knowledge Network May Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 8:30 – 10:30 Weston Woods Multicultural Series Programs 1-7 10:35 – 11:10 Weston Woods Multicultural Series Programs 8 and 9	2 8:30 – 10:30 Read On: Cover to Cover Programs 1-8 10:35 – 12:35 Read On: Cover to Cover Programs 9-16	3 8:30 – 10:30 More Books: Cover to Cover Programs 1-8 10:35 – 12:35 More Books: Cover to Cover	4 8:30 – 10:30 In Other Words Programs 1-7 10:35 – 12:00 In Other Words Programs 8-12
7 NASA CONNECT 8:30 – 10:10 “Measurement, Ratios & Graphing,” “Geometry and Algebra: Glow with the Flow” and “Algebra and Functions: Wired for Space” 10:15 – 11:15 “Data Analysis and Measurement: Ahead, Above the Clouds” and “Functions & Statistics: Internat’l Space Station”	8 8:30 – 10:30 Story of Read-Alee- Deed-Alee Programs 1-8 10:35 – 12:35 Story of Read-Alee- Deed-Alee Programs 9-16	9 8:30 – 9:30 Our Fragile World Programs 1-4 10:00 – 11:00 “Gettysburg: The Face of Battle”	10 Col. Williamsburg field trips 8:30 – 10:30 “Missions to America” and “Potions, Ails and Smallpox Tales” 10:35 – 12:35 “The Case of the Shuttered Room” and “Buying Respectability”	11 Col. Williamsburg field trips 8:30 – 10:30 “Flames of Freedom” and “Order in the Court” 10:35 – 11:35 “The April Conspiracy” 11:40 – 12:40 “Gettysburg: The Face of Battle”
14 8:30 – 10:30 Weston Woods Music Series Programs 1-7 10:35 – 11:25 Weston Woods Music Series Programs 8-11	15 8:30 – 10:05 Posie Paints Programs 1-6 10:10 – 11:45 Outside Story/Slim Goodbody Programs 1-6	16 8:30 – 10:30 People of the First Light Programs 1-4 10:35 – 12:10 People of the First Light Programs 5-7	17 8:30 – 10:30 Hands on Crafts for Kids Programs 1-4 10:35 – 12:35 Hands on Crafts for Kids Programs 5-8	18 8:30 – 10:30 Hands on Crafts for Kids Programs 9-12 10:35 – 11:05 Hands on Crafts for Kids Program 13
21 8:30 – 10:30 NatureWorks Programs 1-7 10:35 – 12:35 NatureWorks Programs 8-14	22 8:30 – 9:20 NatureWorks Programs 15-17 9:25 – 11:25 Natural Focus/Laurie Sanders Programs 1-8	23 8:30 – 10:30 Global Geography Programs 1-7 10:35 – 11:25 Global Geography Programs 8-10	24 8:30 – 10:30 Cover to Cover Programs 1-8 10:35 – 12:35 Cover to Cover Programs 9-16	25 8:30 – 10:30 Arts Alive Programs 1-7 10:35 – 12:10 Arts Alive Programs 8-13
28 Memorial Day No Broadcast	29 Request Day	30 Request Day	31 Request Day	