

# Learning Resources and Technology

## Newsletter

June 2002

### **Governor's Summer Reading Challenge**

**Connecticut Reads**, the Governor's summer reading challenge, is underway. Posters, bookmarks, and reading journals have been mailed to schools across the state. In addition, letters to parents and principals, with ideas for encouraging summer reading can be found at the following website:  
<http://www.state.ct.us/sde/ctread/ctread.htm>

The summer reading challenge is an excellent opportunity to develop collaborative activities with the local public library. That is where students will be accessing most of the books they read over the summer. Many public libraries already have plans for a thematic program to motivate children and young adults to read. Reading done for these programs counts for **Connecticut Reads** as well.

### **Summer Reading Lists**

Linda Williams, Children's Services Librarian for the Connecticut State Library, has developed flyers to assist school library media specialists, teachers and public librarians in planning for high-quality summer reading programs. There are two versions of the basic flyer, one targeting high schools and the other, elementary and middle schools. Each contains practical suggestions for developing summer reading programs and lists that will help students to

have successful and enjoyable summer reading experiences. Copies of the flyers can be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.cslib.org/sumread.htm>

For additional resources related to literature and services to children and young adults, visit the State Library website:

<http://www.cslib.org/cys.htm>

### **iCONN**

Summer is a great time to learn more about iCONN, Connecticut's Digital Library, and how it can be useful to teachers and students in your school. The training manual that has been used by the Regional Educational Service Centers can be downloaded from the iCONN website and used as a tutorial:  
<http://www.iconn.org/staff/documents/trainingmanual.pdf>

To access iCONN from your home you will need a Connecticut public library card.

### **National Board Certification for School Library Media Specialist**

There is now a program in place for library media specialists to pursue National Board certification. Information about the program and the certification standards can be found at:

[http://new.nbpts.org/standards/complete/ecy\\_a\\_lm.pdf](http://new.nbpts.org/standards/complete/ecy_a_lm.pdf)

## **Federal Funds for School Library Media Programs**

The Federal Register of May 29, 2002, announced Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Program Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 .

Eligible applicants for the grant are local educational agencies (LEAs) in which at least 20 percent of the students served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line.

The deadline for Notification of Intent to Apply for Funding is June 28, 2002, and the deadline for transmittal of applications, July 24, 2002.

The total estimated funding available is \$12,125,000 and the estimated range of awards, \$20,000 to \$250,000. The size of the awards will be commensurate with the nature and scope of the work proposed and the number of schools to be served. It is estimated that the average amount of each award will be based on a maximum of \$25,000 per school to be served. The estimated number of awards is 75. For more information about the grant and what is required to apply, visit:

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002\\_register&docid=02-13313](http://www.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2002_register&docid=02-13313)

## **Court Overturns Some CIPA Requirements**

On May 31, 2002, a three-judge panel of the U.S. District Court for Eastern Pennsylvania ruled that certain requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) are invalid under the First Amendment. The court determined the section requiring a library receiving e-rate discounts to have an

Internet protection measure (filter) for its computers with Internet access to be unconstitutional. This applies to public libraries as the decision did not address CIPA requirements as they apply to schools seeking e-rate discounts. According to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Schools & Libraries website, CIPA requirements remain in effect for schools.

Also, the Court's decision does not affect the requirements of the Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act (NCIPA). As a result, all libraries (public and school) receiving e-rate discounts must adopt and implement an Internet safety policy that addresses:

- Access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
- The safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
- Unauthorized access, including hacking, and other unlawful activities by minors online;
- Unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors;
- Measures designed to restrict minors' access to materials harmful to minors; and
- Provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet safety policy.

Current information about the implications of the Court's decision, as well as other information about applying for e-rate discounts, can be found at the USAC Schools & Libraries website:

<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/>