

# Learning Resources and Technology

## Newsletter

### November 2002

#### **Connecticut Digital Library Commended**

In October, 2002, iCONN, Connecticut's Digital Library received a formal commendation from the Affiliate Assembly of the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) for its valuable contribution to the field of school librarianship. The letter of commendation states,

“By providing an online database of reference materials and journals free to every school and home in the state, you are giving everyone equal access to a wealth of materials. With school districts struggling with budget constraints, this service means that no matter the socio-economic status of a locality, quality information is available to all.”

#### **Librarians E-mail Directory**

The Connecticut State Library maintains a statewide e-mail directory of Connecticut librarians - located at:

[www.cslib.org/cln/email.asp](http://www.cslib.org/cln/email.asp)

The directory, updated weekly, now contains over 1,100 addresses. If you have already submitted your information, please check your listing to make sure it is accurate. If you would like your e-mail address to be listed, or if you need to change a current listing, please use the submission form accessible from the directory search screen.

#### **The Partnership for Reading**

The Partnership for Reading: Bringing Scientific Evidence to Learning is a web site produced by the National Institute for Literacy (part of the U.S. Department of Education). This searchable site offers research-based information on effective reading instruction and links to many full-text articles, booklets and other publications of interest to educators, policymakers and parents. Visit the site at:

<http://www.nifl.gov/partnershipforreading>

#### **PBS Parents**

Public Broadcasting Services (PBS), in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Education, has launched a website filled with resources for parents and other caregivers to help their children learn. The site provides a comprehensive guide to public television programming for children, activities parents and children can do together and a link to PBS Kids, a section of the site designed for young children. In addition to programming information and activities, the site includes a section entitled “Issues and Advice.” This section provides extensive resources related to child development, reading and language (including book and audio lists), media awareness and school and education. PBS Parents is found at:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

## **Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act**

On November 2, 2002, President Bush signed the TEACH Act into law and in doing so revises Section 110(2) of the U.S. Copyright Act and provides new information related to the fair use of copyrighted materials for distance education. Among other provisions, the new law expands the range of work that can be performed or digitally transmitted, permits the digitization of analog works in certain circumstances and extends the places that can receive transmissions of distance learning programs. The new law has many complexities as well. Library media specialists and other distance educators should become familiar with the provisions and responsibilities related to the TEACH Act. The American Library Association Washington Office has created a web site on TEACH to promote understanding of the new act, its benefits and requirements, and the roles and responsibilities for educators and librarians working with distance education. The site is located at:

<http://www.ala.org/washoff/teach.html>

ALA's Office of Information Technology Policy plans to offer an e-mail tutorial on copyright and distance learning issues in the near future.

### **New iCONN Times Available**

To get the latest news on Connecticut's Digital Library, check out the newest edition of the iCONN Times at:

<http://www.iconn.org/staff/documents/iconn-timesoct02.pdf>

Among the features in this issue is information about improved remote access to the databases.

## **Telebration! 2002**

Telebration is a storytelling event that has its roots right here in Connecticut in 1988. The event originated at the Connecticut Storytelling Center at Connecticut College when six Connecticut locations were identified for storytellers and listeners to gather the weekend before Thanksgiving. That weekend has become the tradition for what is now a nationwide event. This year Telebration in Connecticut will take place on November 23 in the following towns:

- Rowayton
- Westport
- Bridgeport
- New Milford
- Hartford
- South Windsor
- Hamden

In addition, events will be held in Greenwich on November 19 and in Manchester on November 24.

For more information on the times and event locations within these towns, tellers who will be performing and ticket contacts, visit the Telebration website:

<http://www.connstorycenter.org/tellabration.html>

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

