Linking to iCONN From Your Website

Does your library’s home page have a link to iCONN? Can your patrons find it easily?

We provide four ways to access iCONN databases – use any one or a combination on your library’s home page to connect your patrons to iCONN:

1. Use an iCONN button or text link to connect users to the iCONN landing page (see Figure 1) at http://www.iconn.org. From there, you can either search all articles at once using “iCONN OneSearch,” or search the entire statewide library catalog using “Find Books, DVDs and more in CT Libraries.” If outside the library, you first need to login using your public library or college library card number, unless your library has a proxy server. The iCONN button with instructions on how to configure it is at http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/iconndesktop.aspx.

   For example, see Waterford Public Library’s homepage at http://www.waterfordpubliclibrary.org/.

2. Use the same iCONN button or text link to link to the appropriate iCONN resources page (see Figure 2 below), which gives a description of each database and allows you to either search each database separately using each database’s native search interface or use the all-in-one iCONN OneSearch. Each resources page has a permalink.

   - Resources for the Public: http://www.iconn.org/classicpublic
   - Resources for Colleges & Universities: http://www.iconn.org/classiccollege
   - Resources for High Schools*: http://www.iconn.org/classicschool
   - Resources for Middle Schools*: http://www.iconn.org/classicmiddleschool
   - Resources for Elementary Schools*: http://www.iconn.org/classicelementary

   Note: The Resources for the Public page depicted here has navigation links to enable students accessing iCONN at their public library or at home to easily switch to the high school, middle school or elementary school versions of this page. Each of those versions of the Resources page can also toggle from one level to the other.

Note: The public library landing page depicted above has navigation links to enable students accessing iCONN at their public library or at home to easily switch to the high school, middle school or elementary school versions of this page.
Use database-specific icons or text links to link directly to individual iCONN resources such as HeritageQuest for public libraries, PsycINFO for college libraries, Searchasaurus for elementary schools, etc. The links can be interfiled with locally-licensed databases, arranged either by subject or in an A-Z list. Individual iCONN database links for each library type may be found at: [http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/urltable.aspx](http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/urltable.aspx).

For example, see Shepaug Valley School, Washington (buttons for iCONN OneSearch and several EBSCO databases) [http://svslibrary.region-12.org/databasesatoz](http://svslibrary.region-12.org/databasesatoz).

We ask that you add a small iCONN icon (see examples below) to brand the iCONN resources in your lists of databases.

For example, see Smith Library, Eastern CT State University (the small iCONN icon next to each iCONN database) [http://www.easternct.edu/smithlibrary/databases/index.htm](http://www.easternct.edu/smithlibrary/databases/index.htm). Small icons can be obtained at [http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/BrandingLinks.aspx](http://www.cslib.org/iconnsitemap/staff/BrandingLinks.aspx). For assistance, contact Eric Hansen at Eric.A.Hansen@ct.gov or 860-704-2224.

Add a search-all-at-once iCONN OneSearch widget (as depicted below) that will launch searches into iCONN OneSearch from your library home page. For instructions on how to accomplish this, see “iCONN Widgets” in the footer of our landing page at: [http://www.iconn.org](http://www.iconn.org).

For another example, see Westport Public Library’s modified-to-fit iCONN search widget: [http://www.westportlibrary.org/research/databases](http://www.westportlibrary.org/research/databases)

Note: The options listed above are not mutually exclusive. You can maintain a link to the iCONN landing page, a link to the iCONN resources page, and links to specific databases.

Why link to iCONN?
- The state provides iCONN at no charge to all residents, schools and libraries.
- It provides a wealth of online resources available 24/7 with a statewide value estimated at over $35 million per year.
- Your patrons will appreciate the information. It’s their tax dollars at work.

Are you getting the iCONN login screen in the library?

If you are trying to access iCONN from inside the library using any of the methods above, and you get a login screen instead, your library’s IP address may not be registered with iCONN, or it may have changed. Please contact Eric Hansen at 860-704-2224 or Eric.A.Hansen@ct.gov, or contact the iCONN office at 860-704-2220 or 888-256-1222 (toll free in CT).