



Between The Bookends

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Your Library Newsletter

“It Just Keeps Getting Better “

—John Cupole



Who benefits most as increasing automated services become available to libraries? The **patrons**, of course, are the biggest beneficiaries. Our patrons, for example, now can search a statewide catalog called **reQuest** with over 3.6 million records for library materials held in one of more than 300 Connecticut libraries. They can do so on any computer with internet access and a fairly new browser anywhere, anytime. They can search by title, author, subject, or keyword and find the material and what library has it. They also can search for periodical holdings in libraries across the state.

However, it gets better than that because now our patrons (faculty, staff, and students) possessing a library card can search for a book or other material and request it interactively online. The material (book, etc.) requested will be sent to our college, if available, from a participating library. The patron will be notified upon arrival of the book by phone, or e-mail and may then check out the book just as any other of our library holdings.

It even gets better still; now, a borrower can get online a blank ILL (interlibrary) form and can request titles or journal articles not found during a search in the reQuest database, and we will try to obtain the item requested if possible. We will let borrowers know if we encounter difficulty getting the item(s). In addition, a patron may track the status of each request online with a self-assigned password and his/her name at any time, or may call the library for further status information.

Despite the advantages of this system, the delivery time is not immediate because it depends on the processing speed of the lending library and the efficiency of delivery. If a patron needs the material instantly, it will not work for him. In such a case, see the librarian on duty for other ways to obtain the information you need in a timely manner.

To learn about and to tap this excellent service, click on the following link below: <http://www.nv2.commnet.edu/library/mainill.htm> , and then choose the link for **Remote ILLs with reQuest**. Be sure to read the information there carefully before submitting requests online (remotely). Currently, some college libraries are capable of delivering full-text articles to their students’ desktops within three hours. Hopefully, sometime in the future, we will offer such speedy service if we can gather the necessary financial resources. See **What’s New** on the following page to see the other ways in which library services continue to get better.

Library Hours

Monday and Tuesday

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday

8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday

8 a.m. to Noon

Saturday

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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LRC Library, 2003

Upcoming Displays

Native American Month
Chanukah Christmas Kwanza
Holiday Cooking



We Need Your INPUT !

Library User Survey
November 17 and 22, 2003



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Library Resource Information System
for Connecticut's Community Colleges



What's New...

...in the Library Online Catalog?

Bookbag The Bookbag feature allows you to save your searches once you've established your patron account (see Patron Button). Great for keeping bibliographic information handy. Remember to **exit** when done!

eBooks We now offer the NetLibrary collection of eBooks, electronic versions of printed books. These books are searchable in our online catalog like any other library item. You can browse an eBook for 15 minutes; registered users may check out eBooks for up to 24 hours. To register you must use an NVCC campus computer. To learn more about using eBooks, visit the library and pick up the brochure entitled **eBooks: A Quickstart Guide**, or check our website and click on netLibrary.

Patron button The new Patron Tab allows you to access library information regarding your current circulation transactions.

Quick Limits When conducting a keyword or title search, the Quick Limit dropdown menu now includes limiters for Electronic Books, and Reference Materials.

... in the Electronic Databases?

iCONN Newsstand What you've been waiting for! Through the Connecticut Digital Library, we now are able to offer full-text coverage of several newspapers, including the *Hartford Courant* and *New York Times*.

ABI/INFORM Global Now expanded with new business content.

... for off-campus access?

Your Banner/Student ID and PIN are all that are now required for off-campus access to the online databases for articles.

ONLINE TUTORING VIA DISTANCE LEARNING

Need help with your writing NOW? Struggling with a math problem? The Connecticut Distance Learning Consortium (CTDLC) through its partnership with SMARTHINKING, offers you real tutors in real time from wherever you are, whenever you need help. Create your personalized account by typing in your username and password provided to you by your school. If you don't have a username and password, go to <http://www.ctdlc.org/Student/Tutoring.htm> to get your institution's registration information.

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*See you in
the library*

Library Home Page

[Http://www.nv2.comnet.edu/library](http://www.nv2.comnet.edu/library)

Our website has tools to look up books, videos and journals. You can look up on reQuest (CT's State-wide Library Catalog) to see if other libraries own a journal title, books or videos.



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Experiences of Professor Yannielli and his students in Chile

LRC has received four new video tapes which will be available to faculty and students once they have been cataloged. They involve four different aspects of the experiences and work of students and Professor Len Yannielli in the Cape Horn Archipelago of Chile. These include an ethno-botanical walk of the Omora "Park" on Navarino Island, the vegetation plots (31 minutes) used to determine the habitat of the rufous-legged owl (*Strix rufipes*), mist netting small birds to determine the diet of the owl and an overview tape - Isla Navarino, A Journey to the End of the World - with music (16 minutes). The overview tape has rare footage of the Yahgan Native American Indians and has portions in Spanish with English subtitles. It should be noted that the mist netting tape has an accompanying math worksheet that is available to math instructors. Edward Nolan, Elizabeth Frechette, Darrel Strickland, Dr. Ricardo Rozzi, of the NGO Foundation and the University of Magallanes, and funding from the LRC all played major roles in the completion of this project.

Students and faculty from different disciplines - Spanish, sociology, anthropology, geography, math and science to name a few would find these videos of interest. Look for these videos in the library's online catalog.



Our Campus *courtesy of Ed Nolan*

