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A Comprehensive Search Engine for Educators and Students

<u>iCONN.org – Connecticut's re-search engine</u> provides all students, teachers and administrators with free online access to a wealth of essential library and information resources from trustworthy sources designed to help students succeed in school. It is freely accessible from every school or library, and from home (access from home requires a public library card). It includes:

• Over 6,600 popular and scholarly magazines and journals across all disciplines:

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- National newspapers, such as The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, and The Hartford Courant
- The Historical Hartford Courant (from its first issue in 1764 to 1922)
- History, Biography and Science Reference Centers
- Connecticut Digital Collections historical photos, maps, manuscripts, oral histories, etc.
- Downloadable Audiobooks and eBooks
- Statewide Library Catalog search over 400 library collections in CT

In contrast to free web search engines, iCONN.org is age-appropriate, contains no ads and no viruses, does not track what you search, and many of its articles have Lexile levels for Common Core. While being as easy to use as any commercial search engine, iCONN.org also provides powerful search tools that allow you to refine your search to get right to the results that matter most.

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This is a great deal for Connecticut – please share this information with your teachers.

Best regards,

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