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## Current Events

### Blog Information

Blogs are all the rage these days. A blog (short for the term weblog) is a website made up of short, frequently updated posts, usually displayed in reverse chronological order. Twenty CSL staff members participated in a workshop on the topic in June. Called "Blogshop: Blog Basics for CSL Staff", the presentation was conducted by Sharon Clapp, CSL's new Web Resources Librarian, and Steve Cauffman, of iCONN and reQuest Inter-Library Loan fame. The presentation can be found - fittingly, in blog format - at <http://csliblogshop.blogspot.com>. The presentation offers links to a number of Connecticut library-related blogs. Highlights include:

The CONNector now has an electronic format designed to make it easier to look at our articles. Please open this issue in a browser. We hope you enjoy it and will share any suggestions you have for future issues with me at [bdelanev@cslib.org](mailto:bdelanev@cslib.org).

Bonnie Delaney, Editor

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## State Librarian's Column

*Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century*, a watershed study of public opinion released June 13 by Public Agenda shows Americans prize public library service in the Internet Age and see libraries as well-equipped to meet 21st Century challenges in their communities. [more...](#)

## State Library

Renovations to the lounge area at the State Library presented us with four sparkling white walls. State Librarian Kendall Wiggin suggested that we decorate with pictures from our collections that depict the construction of our building and the neighborhood of 1910. [more...](#)

## Technology Advances at the Connecticut State Library

- iCONN News  
<http://iconnoutreach.blogspot.com/> &  
iCONN News for Librarians/Staff  
<http://iconnoblog.blogspot.com/>
- InterLibrary Loan Roundtable  
<http://ctill.blogspot.com/>
- New @ CSL: Website Updates  
<http://cslibweb.wordpress.com/>
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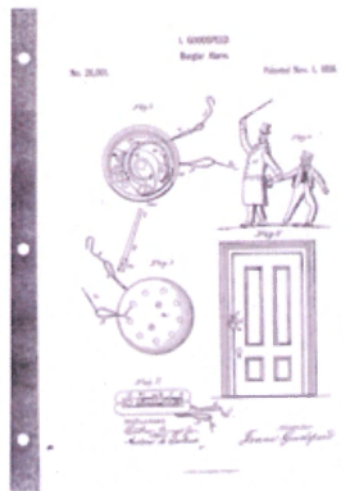
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## WiFi!

The three public reading rooms at the State Library building on Capitol Avenue are now WiFi hotspots. Researchers and visitors bringing their own WiFi-ready laptop computers or PDAs now have direct wireless connection to the Internet. In-house researchers can also access the many valuable subscription databases available in the building. [more...](#)

## Connecticut Invents!



Have you ever looked at an object and asked yourself "who invented that?" This summer fourth, fifth, and sixth graders in twenty Connecticut towns will take part in the Baldwin Museum's new education program, Connecticut Invents!, which will be presented at public libraries throughout

the state. [more...](#)

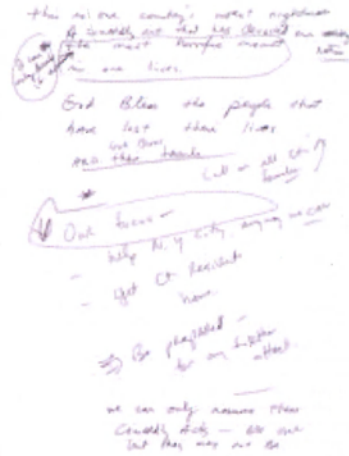
## History and Science Databases within iCONN



The History Resource Centers US & World have been provided by Gale on a free trial basis for the past year. They were not included in Gale's proposal for the Tier 1 databases that focused on General Periodical,

Health, and Business resources. However, the iCONN Database Committee recognized the need to continue providing this type of resource and to add a Science resource, thus greatly enhancing iCONN's suite of databases, particularly for K-12 and public libraries. [more...](#)

## Update on Governors' Records



After John G. Rowland resigned as Governor in 2004, the State Archives received approximately 450 boxes of material along with subsequent smaller accessions from various parts of the Governor's office. State Library staff spent about a month surveying the records

and developing a plan of arrangement. [more...](#)

## Governor's Summer Reading Partnership Awards



On April 21, 2006, at a ceremony held in the State Library's Memorial Hall, Governor M. Jodi Rell presented the E. C.

Scranton Memorial Library and the Madison Public Schools with an Outstanding Public Library School Partnership Award for their exceptional 2005 summer reading partnership. [more...](#)

## Library Service and Technology Act Competitive Grants for FY07

In December 2005 the Division of Library Development offered five mandatory Outcome

Based Evaluation training sessions to prepare grant applicants for new grant evaluation requirements. In February the State Library received 23 grant applications requesting a total of \$383,304. [more...](#)

### The opening of the Janet Carlton Calvert Library



On June 9, 2006, the Janet Carlton Calvert Library in Franklin opened. [more...](#)

### Dedication of the Southbury Public Library



On April 30, 2006, the new 32,000 square foot Southbury Public Library was dedicated. [more...](#)

### Dedication of the Wilton Library Association



The renovated and expanded Wilton Library Association building was dedicated on June 11, 2006. [more...](#)

### Reopening of the Babcock Library



On April 29, 2006, the Babcock Library in Ashford CT reopened with an expanded library designed by Ames and Whitaker Architects. [more...](#)

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