

## **About Library Connection and CONNECT**

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### **What are Library Connection and CONNECT?**

Library Connection is a non-profit cooperative of 27 public and academic libraries which share an automated library system (CONNECT) and other technological innovations that improve the delivery of services. Library Connection and CONNECT are the successors to CircCess, which was started in 1979 by approximately 10 libraries in the greater Hartford region. CircCess was one of the first groups to combine the collections of public and academic libraries on the same automated library system.

### **What does CONNECT do for libraries?**

CONNECT provides libraries with:

- A shared, automated library system for circulation, cataloging, serials check-in, and academic reserves
- Automated statistical reports of community borrowing and library usage
- A method to speed cataloging by using records already in the shared system database
- A method to share collections quickly and easily via an efficient method of InterLibrary Loans
- Staff expertise, training, consultation, troubleshooting, and customization services
- Telecommunications and WAN (Wide Area Network) design, management, and support

### **What does CONNECT do for patrons?**

CONNECT allows patrons to use the Internet to:

- Search CONNECT library collections (catalogs) and find out whether the material is currently available for loan
- Place their own holds on their library's material
- Search the collections of other Connecticut libraries' with web-based catalogs
- Search databases to find citations and full-text articles on a wealth of topics (business, health, current events, etc.)
- Check CONNECT libraries' phone numbers and hours
- Check their accounts, such as what they have checked out, on hold, or overdue at all CONNECT libraries

### **Where can patrons access CONNECT?**

Anywhere they have access to a computer and the Internet! Because CONNECT's public access catalog and databases are web-based, patrons can use CONNECT in the library, at home, at work, at school, or while traveling in or out of the Hartford area.

### **Where can get more information about Library Connection and CONNECT?**

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