

Chadwyck-Healey and BCR Offer Consortial Purchase with Free Trial

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BCR, in cooperation with Chadwyck-Healey, is creating a consortial purchase of Chadwyck-Healey's 20 web-accessible humanities and social sciences databases.

BCR's special consortial pricing offers huge savings for all types of libraries, but particularly emphasizes discounted pricing for smaller institutions that ordinarily might find these valuable products too expensive. Large libraries can expect to save up to 20 percent on individual databases, while smaller libraries may see up to 90 percent savings.

Eight-week free trials are available from August 1 through October 31, 1998. The trials are IP-number limited and not password controlled. Sign-up for a trial on BCR's web site: www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/CH-form.html.

Libraries familiar with the databases may subscribe immediately; all orders, however, must be placed with BCR no later than October 31. Consortium subscriptions are not available after that date. The initial creation of BCR's consortium requires the participation of at least 20 libraries. The subscription period will be November 1, 1998 through October 31, 1999. A mid-year open enrollment period is planned for April 1999.

Orders should be placed via BCR's electronic form at www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/CH-form.html. More information is available on BCR's web page at www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/CH-FAQ.html and by contacting Jim Hensinger or [Karen Graham](#) at BCR. Chadwyck-Healey's pricing is based on two criteria:

- Book budget for the library
- Number of simultaneous users needed

Some of the more prominent databases available are:

- [Literature Online](#)
 - [href="http://pci.chadwyck.com">](http://pci.chadwyck.com) Periodicals Contents Index
 - **Historical Newspapers Online**
Historical News- papers Online provides rapid access to the historical archives of two of the world's largest English-language newspapers *The Times of London* and *The New York Times*. Publication of the first two components, [Palmer's Index to the Times, 1790-1905](#) and [Official Index to the Times, 1906-1980](#), provides access via the indexes and enables researchers to search across multiple years. When the *Historical Index to The New York Times, 1851-1920* is added in the fall, libraries will be able to compare the American and British perspectives on events for a very significant period of history.
 - [International Index to the Performing Arts \(IIPA\)](#)
 - [International Index to Music Periodicals \(IIMP\)](#)
 - [International Index to Music Periodicals - Full Text \(IIMP Full Text\)](#)
(Available September 1998.)
 - **The Digital National Security Archive**
The National Security Archive contains previously classified documents now declassified under the Freedom of Information Act. This web database features more than 35,000 declassified documents from 12 collections under the heading "The Making of U.S. Policy." The collections include compilations such as Afghanistan, 1973-1990; The Berlin Crisis, 1958-1962; and U.S. Espionage and Intelligence, 1947-1996. Detailed chronologies, glossaries and photos provide an integrated view of current history. (Available September 1998.)
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