

Poole's Plus Subscription Now Available from BCR at Reduced Price

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Poole's Plus is now available to BCR member libraries academic, state and public libraries at a significantly reduced rate. This Web-based information service from Paratext Inc. provides access to several 19th century periodicals and monographs.

BCR's Poole's Plus subscription for this introductory year includes not only the core module but also four series consisting of books, newspapers, individual title indices and government documents. The content of the core module (as of January 1) includes: Poole's Index to Periodical Literature (1802-1906), Stead's Index to Periodicals (1890- 1902), Nineteenth Century Monographs File, Nineteenth Century Serials Masterfile and Library Journal Cumulative Index (1876-1897). The New York Daily Tribune Index (1875-1906) and the Cumulative List to a Selected List of Periodicals (1896-1899) are expected to be added the first part of 2000.

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Paratext Inc. has enhanced the electronic product over the print version of the Index to Periodical Literature, (1802-1906). The Web site allows searchers to make a single electronic search across a merged file of six printed indices. Dates have been added to citations. Both author names and titles, truncated in the print edition, have been fully expanded on the Web, permitting more accurate searching. Poole's Plus users also can browse by journal title and search by author.

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