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BCR Launches New Wilson Full-text Free Trial and Group Subscription

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H.W. Wilson and BCR have collaborated to make a free trial of Wilson databases available to all BCR libraries. If you wish to participate, use BCR's Web site, www.bcr.org, to enroll. From BCR's home page, click on **Reference Databases**, then click on **H.W. Wilson**. The trial can be managed by password access or IP number filtering.

The September 15 to November 30 trial is a precursor to a BCR group, site-license (unlimited access) subscription starting December 1, 2001 (first year only) and running through December 31, 2002. Pricing for these databases is very low compared to retail prices. Pricing information and a Web order form are available on BCR's Web site. Orders may be placed at any time during the trial. Try to order before November 15 to ensure continuity of access for your library. BCR's subscription includes the following databases, each of which may be purchased separately:

- Applied Science & Technology Full Text: Covers 562 trade and industrial publications, journals issued by professional and technical societies and specialized subject periodicals, as well as special issues such as buyers' guides, directories and conference proceedings. Abstracting begins in March 1993. Full- text coverage from 108 publications begins in 1997.
- Biological & Agricultural Index Plus: Currently covers 293 periodicals in the core literature of biology and agriculture as far back as 1983.
- Education Full Text: Abstracts English-language periodicals and yearbooks more than 527 total and provides full-text articles and page images from 234. Books related to education published in 1995 or later are also cited. Abstracting begins with January 1994. Full-text coverage begins in January 1996.
- AMICO Library: Delivers more than 77,000 works of art, documentation and related multimedia gathered from Art Museum Image Consortium member museums. Supports learning in art history, the humanities, studio art and design, etc.

- Readers' Guide Full Text, Select Edition: Full text of articles cover to cover from 163 select periodicals, along with accompanying PDF page images. Each article is also summarized in a helpful 50- to 150-word abstract.
- Readers' Guide Abstracts Full-text Mega Edition: Provides coverage of 140-plus publications since January 1994 with indexing from January 1983.
- Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated: More than 100,000 biographies and obituaries and more than 28,000 photographs of the subjects. Many of the biographies are enhanced with full text-articles from Wilson periodicals databases.
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- Readers' Guide Retrospective: 1890-1982: Provides searchable access to more than 100 years of citations from 512 leading U.S. magazines.
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