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BCR Offers Discounted Subscriptions to Nature Online

Librarians in the BCR region can now subscribe to Nature Online at 10 percent off the list price. Academic, public, corporate and research libraries are eligible for discount pricing. The subscription period runs January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002, and provides access to journals from July 1997.

Nature Online communicates the latest ground-breaking and original discoveries across all disciplines of science. Published weekly, it contains articles, opinion, news, correspondence, book reviews, progress reports, new products, features, meetings and courses, job announcements and the lighter side of science.

For more information, go to the Nature Online Web site at www.nature.com or contact BCR's Jim Hensing (jhensing@bcr.org)

OCLC FirstSearch Service News

Beginning January 27, 2002, per-search access to **RILM Music Abstracts** will be removed from OCLC FirstSearch service accounts. By January 31, all per-search access will be discontinued and only subscribing libraries will have access to RILM. Libraries currently using the per-search option may take advantage of one of the three programs OCLC is making available to help them maintain access to RILM.

- **Small Institution Program** — special reduced subscription pricing (50 percent discount from the standard FirstSearch RILM price) for institutions with fewer than 1,000 FTE. Conservatories or performing arts schools are not eligible.
- **Delayed Billing Program** — A 5 percent discount will be applied to a library's first subscription period beginning not later than February 1, 2002, with billing in July 2002.
- **Immediate Purchase Program** — Institutions with more than 1,000 FTE that are per-search users of RILM as of November 10, 2001, will get a 20 percent discount applied to their first subscription period, provided the subscription begins no later than February 1, 2002.

The **Alternative Press Index** is now available on OCLC FirstSearch. This premier index of alternative literature is produced quarterly and indexes nearly 290 alternative, radical and left periodicals, newspapers and magazines that report and analyze the practices and theories

of cultural, economic, political and social change. Coverage extends back to 1991. The Index is available on a per-search or subscription basis.

OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online (ECO) has grown to a total of 3,679 journals with the addition of 100 new journals from nine new publishers. For a complete list of online journals, go to www2.oclc.org/oclc/fseco/publish.htm.

ATLAS: ATLA Serials Database, from the American Theological Library Association, has expanded from 29 to a total of 55 full-text journals in religion and theology. ATLA provides cover-to-cover access to the contents of entire journals in the ATLAS collection.

The **MLA Directory of Periodicals** is now available to subscribers of the MLA International Bibliography database on the OCLC FirstSearch Service. Users can access records in the Directory of Periodicals by clicking on hotlinks in bibliographic records retrieved by searching the MLA International Bibliography database. There is no additional charge to subscribers to the MLA International Bibliography database for the MLA Directory of Periodicals.

For more information on any of these FirstSearch products, call Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR.

AccessScience Wins 2002 Goldmaster Award

McGraw Hill's AccessScience recently received the 2002 Goldmaster Award at the American Association of School Librarians conference. Given annually by The Book Report and Library Talk magazines, the award recognizes "the best of the best" in software or online database services and is chosen from titles which received Highly Recommended ratings in reviews or product profiles published in 2001.

BCR is pleased to offer AccessScience to our member libraries at a substantial discount. The database is available through BCR's group subscription, which runs July 1 to June 30. Librarians interested in learning more about the database can sign up for a free trial at any time. For additional information about costs and how to sign up, please go to the BCR Web site at www.bcr.org/, click on Reference Databases and then on AccessScience.

For questions or to subscribe to any reference database, contact BCR's Jim Hensing (jhensing@bcr.org) or Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org).

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