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OCLC to Add SoftLine Databases

SoftLine, Inc. has agreed to OCLC's loading three SoftLine databases on the OCLC FirstSearch service. The three will be available via subscription-only access. They are: Ethnic NewsWatch, Women R and Alt*Health, which focuses on complementary and alternative approaches to health. Ethnic NewsWatch also will be available on the EPIC service. OCLC has not yet scheduled the loading of these databases, although Ethnic NewsWatch, which has the highest priority, is expected to be loaded in the first quarter of 1998.

OCLC Enhances FirstSearch Web

The following enhancements have been made to FirstSearch Web:

- Users can now look at related subjects by clicking on and searching the most frequently occurring subject headings from records retrieved by a search.
- A new browsing index improves FirstSearch's WordList functionality.

SilverPlatter's PsycLit Price Increased

On January 1 SilverPlatter increased the cost of its PsycLit database. The new PsycLit has expanded product coverage and hard-disc access. The new coverage is 1887 to the present. The new BCR prices are:

Stand alone \$4,758 (compared to \$4,880)
Single user \$6,162 (compared to \$6,320)
2-4 users \$7,547 (compared to \$7,740)
5-8 users \$9,739 (compared to \$9,989)
9-2 users \$14,322 (compared to \$14,689)

SilverPlatter Retiring IAC Databases

SilverPlatter is no longer carrying IAC databases. No new orders or renewals will be processed for IAC products.

Books in Print with Book Reviews Upgraded

Books In Print with Book Reviews on CD-ROM now includes Bowker's Complete Video Directory and the entire Words on Cassette database. Books in Print with Book Reviews also will include the last 10 years of the Books Out-of-Print database, which contains not only books out of print, but also inactive audios and videos. The database is now a two-CD set and is available at the same price as 1997. Additional enhancements are planned for later in 1998. This is available only in Windows format.

(For questions or to subscribe to any reference database -- CD-ROM, online or Internet-accessible -- contact BCR's [Jim Hensinger](#) or [Karen Graham](#).

