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New at SilverPlatter

SilverPlatter Information has released a new database and a new service that may be of interest to BCR member libraries.

- Aerospace Database is a new product now offered to libraries at a 20 percent pre-publication discount. The discount is valid on all orders received before August 31.
- SilverPlatter has created a new Health & Safety web site that provides information on its suite of Health & Safety products. Go to www.hsublishing.com.

Business & Industry Databases Modified

Due to a configuration change, SilverPlatter's Business & Industry databases will now contain only data from 1998 to the present.

New Wilsonweb Software Released

The H.W. Wilson Company has released a new version of Wilsonweb software: version 3.3. Among the changes in the new version is a new screen layout to make Wilsonweb more user friendly.

For questions or to subscribe to any reference database -- CD-ROM, online or Internet-accessible -- contact BCR's

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