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BCR Offers Discount to Wilson Databases

BCR and H.W. Wilson have teamed up to give subscribers discounted access to the Readers' Guide Retrospective and all the Biography databases. The Readers' Guide Retrospective is discounted between 20 and 30 percent. New and upgrade orders for Wilson Biography products are discounted 20 percent. The deadline for participation is March 25.

The Wilson Biographies included in this special offer are: Biography Index, Biography Reference Bank, Current Biography, Current Biography Illustrated, Junior Authors & Biographers, World Authors, Wilson Biographies and Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated. For a price quote for any of these databases, please use the quote request form on BCR's Web site at www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/quoteform.html.

Readers' Guide Retrospective, exclusively on WilsonWeb, provides searchable access to more than 100 years of citations from 512 leading U.S. magazines. Coverage from 1969 through 1982 is now available. The complete database — 1890 through 1982 — will be available fall 2002. For a complete description see: www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/Wilson/Offer/Wilson_Offer.html. Pricing for public, academic/special or community college libraries is based on FTE; school libraries pay a flat rate. The annual fee after the first year is 5 percent of the first year price.

For pricing, see www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/Wilson/RGRetroflyer.html or contact Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR.

American National Biography (ANB) Online Update Available

The online January 2002 Update for ANB is now available and includes 50 new articles, from the arts and sciences to the U.S. government. The Sample Biographies (www.anb.org/samplebios.html) is focusing on Women's History Month in March and will be updated in April with another theme.

In addition, users now have the ability to search articles with illustrations, online resources or by publication date. The custom search page at www.anb.org/articles/index.html can help users discover how to use this powerful new tool.

Reminder: Subscribe to Roth Publishing's Lit Finder Databases

The renewal period for BCR's Roth group subscription ends April 1. The annual subscription runs from April 1 to March 30. Current subscribers should renew before April 1 to ensure continued user access.

Roth's Lit Finder databases include Poem Finder, The World's Best Poetry, Story Finder and the new product, Essay Finder. Academic and public libraries should purchase Poem Finder, which includes Story Finder and Essay Finder at no additional charge. The World's Best Poetry, also bundled with Story Finder and Essay Finder, is designed for school use.

To access the most current information on BCR's group purchase as well as pricing, go to [BCR's Roth Web page](#).

BCR Discounts Nature Online Subscription

Nature Online, the Web version of the journal Nature, is available through BCR at a 10 percent discounted subscription rate. BCR's subscription year runs January 1 through December 31 (proratable), and provides access to the backfile from July 1997. For more information and the online order form, go to BCR's Web site (www.bcr.org/~ids/Reference/Nature/).

Emerald Web Site and Document Delivery System Enhancements

Emerald announced that it has added context sensitive reference linking (SFX) for use with its database products. This allows librarians to define the sources that their students and faculty should use for full-text. To learn more about this new functionality, visit www.sfxit.com/.

Emerald has partnered with Infotrieve to provide a document delivery service to both the Emerald Management Reviews and Emerald Abstracts databases. This service allows Emerald users direct access to full-text from other publishers, where the content is available electronically. Or, if not available, Infotrieve will source the hard-copy article and send this within three days of receipt of the document delivery request.

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

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