

Quick Start Offer Discounts OCLC Electronic Collections Online

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BCR and OCLC have created a special offer to get libraries started on Electronic Collections Online, OCLC's web-based electronic journals service. The offer runs through January 15, 1999, and introduces OCLC's new practice of allowing libraries to subscribe to the journals through BCR, rather than having to go through the publisher or distributor.

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