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## BCR Launches H.W. Wilson Full-text Free Trial and Group Subscription

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H.W. Wilson and BCR have collaborated to make a three-month free trial of Wilson databases available to all BCR libraries. If you wish to participate, use BCR's Web site, [www.bcr.org](http://www.bcr.org) to enroll. From BCR's home page, click on **Reference Databases**, then click on **H.W. Wilson**. The trial can be managed by password access or IP number filtering.

This September 1 through November 30 trial is a precursor to a BCR group, site-license (unlimited access) subscription that will start December 1, 2000 (first year only) and run through December 31, 2001. Pricing for these databases is very low compared to retail prices. Pricing information and a Web order form are available on BCR's Web site. Orders may be placed at any time during the trial. Try to order before November 15 to ensure continuity of access for your library. BCR's subscription includes the following databases:

- **Applied Science & Technology Full Text:** Trade and industrial publications, journals issued by professional and technical societies and specialized subject periodicals, as well as special issues such as buyers' guides, directories and conference proceedings. Abstracting begins in March 1993. Full-text coverage begins in 1997.
- **Education Full Text:** English-language books relating to education published in 1995 or later. Abstracting begins with January 1994. Full-text coverage begins in January 1996.
- **Readers' Guide Full Text:** Comprehensive indexing and abstracting of the most popular general-interest periodicals published in the United States and Canada, plus the full text of selected periodicals. Full-text coverage begins in January 1994 for most titles.
- **Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated:** More than 72,000 biographies and obituaries and more than 26,000 photographs of the subjects. Many of the biographies are enhanced with full text, abstracts and citations from H.W. Wilson databases. Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated contains the full text of articles from more than 100 volumes of biographical reference books published by H. W. Wilson.

- Biography Reference Bank (coming in the fall): Biography Index combined with profiles of Wilson Biographies Plus Illustrated, brings one of the most extensive biographical resources available. More than 170,000 names are covered. Includes:
  - Full-text profiles and interviews.
  - Complete biographical profiles produced by H.W. Wilson.
  - Profiles licensed from biographical sources from other leading publishers.
  - Article abstracts and index citations from thousands of sources. Images.

What's more, Biography Reference Bank grows over the course of BCR's group subscription. Thousands of new names are added as biographical material appears in journals, magazines and books.

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