



Share Family Open Metadata Policy

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The Share Family strives to support and invest in open data to freely share information. The community is committed, wherever possible, to share data transformed by its series of Linked Open Data (LOD) processes. The Share Family community has invested great effort to ensure its structured data adhere to the accepted community standards and practices for the library and the open data community.



Share Family data may be used under a CC0 license unless expressly stated otherwise.

The Share Family data pool consists of newly created metadata objects derived from existing data provided by member institutions, enriched and published as RDF, as well as entirely new objects manually created within the system. These data are open and interoperable by humans and machines alike. The Share Family highly encourages their use to promote global dissemination, accessibility, reusability, and discoverability of information resources.

This commitment ensures the widest possible distribution and reuse of our metadata. The Open Data Policy does not cover tools and services developed by the Share Family community nor the original data submitted by member institutions.

Some Share Family Ecosystem tenants may adhere to other open data policies. When using data originating from these tenants, attribution of the source of the metadata or other restrictions as outlined in the tenant's appropriate policy may be required. For example, the PCC Data Pool adheres to CC BY-NC 4.0.

For further information on the tenants' policies, refer to the wiki page [Share Family Linked Data Ecosystem](#).