



The Share Family  
Cooperation and interconnection  
for a sustainable Linked Open Data ecosystem

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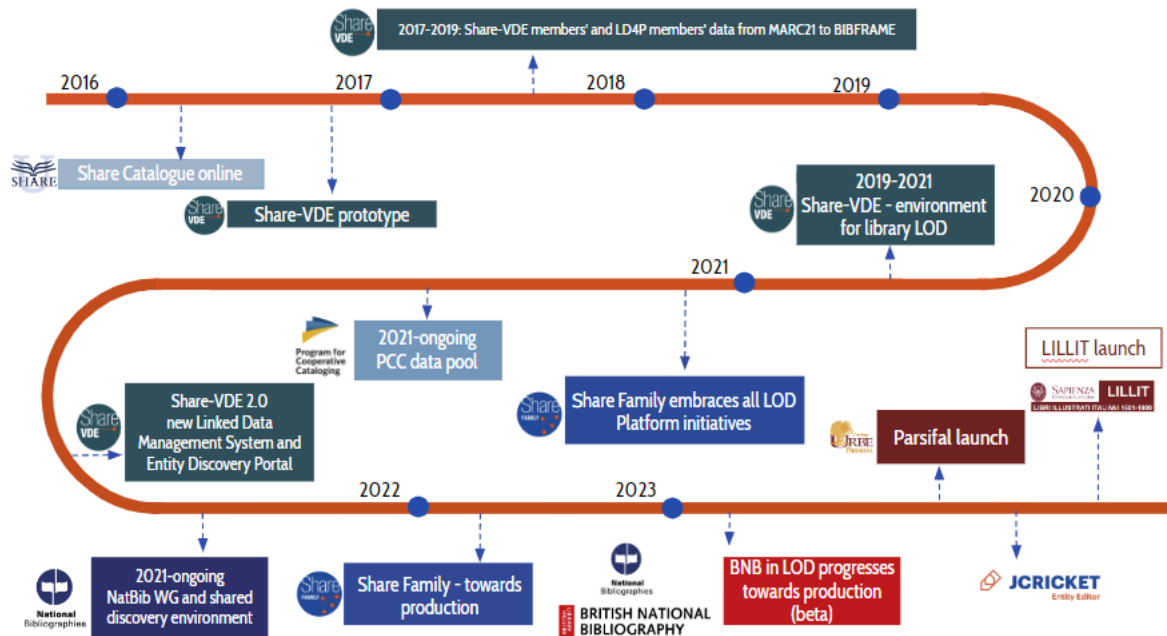
# Vision, values, governance

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# Vision and stepping stones

Developed and guided by the international library community, the [Share Family initiative](#) envisions a future where individual libraries and consortia collaboratively define and shape the tools and principles driving advancements in discovery.



# Share Family Linked Data Ecosystem values



## CO-OPERATIVE

Developed and driven by libraries, for libraries, the Share Family is a growing international community built on collaboration. Participating institutions play an active role in defining the vision, aims and progress of the Share Family and its tools.

The Share Family opens the door to a flexible, sustainable, interoperable and co-operative approach to resource description, with time, expertise and costs shared across the community for the benefit of all members.



## SUSTAINABLE



## INTEROPERABLE

By implementing the RDF-based BIBFRAME data model and facilitating interoperability with different data models and data pools, resource description can be transformed into Linked Data, increasing the visibility of research and encouraging greater engagement with library, archive and museum collections.

We strive to encourage open access to data, and support diversity by freely sharing information. We apply and support open metadata policies as part of our commitment to enhancing the discovery of library and cultural heritage resources.



## OPEN



## FLEXIBLE

Enriched and structured data can be re-used in local and external systems, across library types and ILS/LSPs, enabling each institution to maintain control of its own catalogue data.

The quality of data is guaranteed both through advanced technical processes and through collaborative data modeling, enrichment and sharing, handled collectively by member organizations.



## AUTHORITATIVE



# Member-driven governance model



Share-VDE: supporting the creation, management and discovery of linked open data for libraries

## Executive Summary

Approved by the Share-VDE Advisory Council on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

### What is Share-VDE?

The Share Virtual Discovery Environment is driven by libraries, for libraries, in an internet-driven environment to increase the discovery of knowledge to increase collections.

Share-VDE supports members through the linked open data, leveraging the cooperative world to offer a flexible, sustainable and practice.

The Share-VDE partners guide every implementation. Input from the Advisory Share-VDE data model and tools stand up to expertise provides in-depth analysis, studies throughout its lifecycle.

**Innovative framework and authoritative** Committed to open data sharing and reuse and bibliographic data as linked data, regard



## Share Family for Consortia

### Executive Summary

#### The Share Family

Share Family is a global initiative developed and driven by libraries, for libraries, in an international collaborative, consortial effort. It enables the discovery of knowledge to increase user engagement with library and cultural heritage collections.

The Share Family offers library consortia the opportunity to enter into the linked open data environment and make available to their members an extensive range of new-generation bibliographic tools and an innovative resource portal.

#### Vision, governance and values

**Vision:** Developed and guided by the international library community, the [Share Family of Initiatives](#) envisions a future where libraries collaboratively define and shape the tools and principles driving bibliographic advancements.

**Governance:** The direction of Share Family is overseen by the [Share Family Advisory Council](#), comprising representatives from member libraries. Libraries actively participate in policy-making and tool development, sharing expertise, responsibilities, and costs to benefit the entire community and its patrons.

**Values:** At the core of Share Family's ethos are shared values of cooperation, openness, sustainability, and flexibility. The Share Family commits to developing long-term viability of solutions promoting shared tools and resources. It encourages interaction within an evolving ecosystem of linked data, empowering libraries to adapt and thrive in the digital age.

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Being a community initiative, the goals and desired outcomes are defined by the participating institutions through active engagement in different [Working Groups](#).

<https://bit.ly/SVDE-Open-Metadata-Policy>

<https://bit.ly/SF-Executive-Summary-Consortia>



# Shared tools in an integrated ecosystem

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# Share Family – processes and output

## DATA INPUT FROM INSTITUTIONS

MARC21 bib. and holding

MARC21 aut.

UNIMARC

RDF/BIBFRAME

Other formats (eg. FOLIO)



## LOD PLATFORM SERVICES

Mapping

URI Enrichment

Reconciliation

Creation of

Linked Data Entities

Conversion to  
RDF/BIBFRAME

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## RESULTS

### [ Data Publication ]

- End user discovery portals for each initiative of the Share Family
- Search APIs for data consumption (GraphQL, REST, SPARQL)

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### [ Data Distribution ]

- API / protocols for third parties integration (eg. local LSPs and data editor such as Wikidata, Sinopia BIBFRAME editor, FOLIO etc.)
- Downloadable datasets (BIBFRAME/RDF, MARC enriched records)

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### [ Shared Data Management ]

- Editing of Share Family entities with JCricket
- Reuse of Share Family BIBFRAME data in local library systems
- Reuse of Share Family MARC representations in local library systems

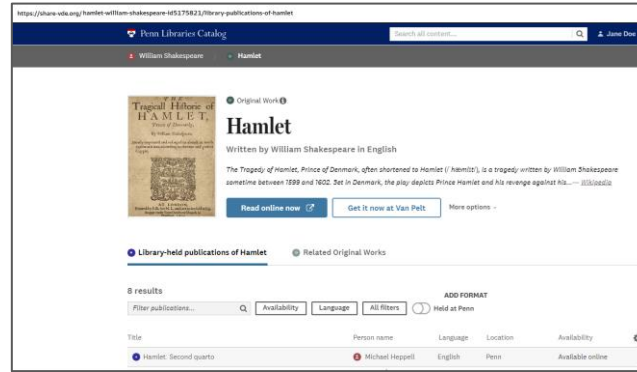
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### [ Additional Services ]

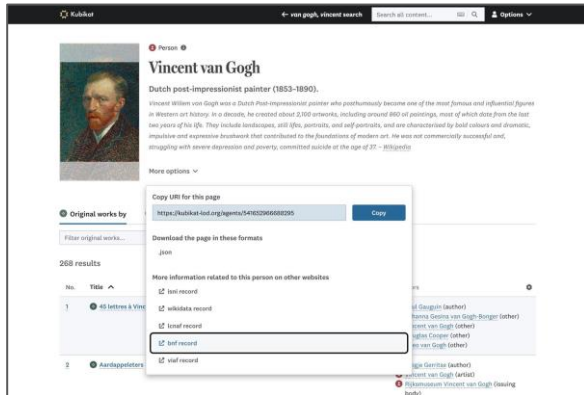
- Authority control in MARC and BIBFRAME-based workflows
- SFI - Share Family Index: registry of entity URIs

# Entity Discovery Portal

The Share Family technology makes available end user tools for data consultation and consumption: a linked data-based discovery portal reflecting BIBFRAME model and ad hoc extensions



The common presentation layer of the shared environment is configurable at institutional level, focusing the design on ease of use and integrating local services



APPLICATION

## Discovery Portal 2.0

- Advanced entity discovery system based on BIBFRAME
- Customised UI (skin)
- Integration with local APIs
- Site mapping with additional meta-tagging
- Data conversion to Schema.org



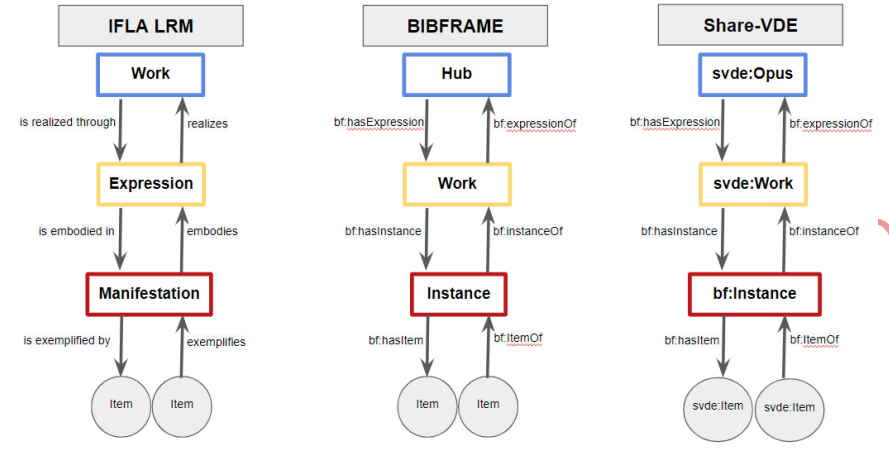


# Interoperable entity model

The approach to the BIBFRAME-based entity model is to make it as much interoperable as possible, to facilitate data exchange with other systems.

The SVDE Ontology supports the discovery functionality of the Share Family search systems and may be re-used in any system requiring a bridge among BIBFRAME, IFLA LRM and RDA.

[Presentation](#) and [preliminary version](#) available



## TECHNOLOGY

### Advanced entity model

- Advanced 4-layered entity model, based on BIBFRAME 2.0 and interoperable with multiple schemes (BIBFRAME, IFLA-LRM etc.)



# Entity management - expanding authority control

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- ✓ it's a linked data entity / authority editor
- ✓ it applies to linked data entities created within all tenants of the Share Family (svde.org, pcc-lod.org, natbib-lod.org)
- ✓ it's a manual application that manages properties (attributes, relations and links) of entities in the CKB - Cluster Knowledge Base
- ✓ it's a collaborative tool shared across member institutions
- ✓ it is a new application for shared metadata management

# Collaboratively manage entity metadata

ShareVDE BETA

Lewis Carroll

All results (6) People and organizations (1) Original works (5)

6 results found

- Person  
**Lewis Carroll**  
English writer, logician, Anglican deacon and photographer (1832-1898). Born in Daresbury, Cheshire, England.
- Original work  
**Alice's adventures in Wonderland**  
Novel written by [Lewis Carroll](#) in 1865.
- Original work  
**Music in art**  
Journal published by [Lewis Carroll](#), [Alfred Ludlow Carroll](#), and [Charles Lutwidge Dodgson](#).

Step 1: Search on Share-VDE Main Portal

Step 2: Enter the entity details page

ShareVDE BETA Dashboard Explore Lewis Carroll Simple search lewis carroll Advanced search Editor Lewis Carroll

Overview

### Lewis Carroll

**Basic info**

- Agent type
- Name
- Birth year
- Death year
- Birth place
- Death place

**Other**

- Alternative names
- Notes
- Occupation
- First name
- Last name

[Add property](#)

**Metadata** External IDs Logs

**Basic info**

**Agent type**

Undefined

**Name**

Undefined

**English**

**Birth year**

Step 3: Click on the edit action and enter the JCricket UI



Wikimedia Commons

Editor options

[Edit](#) CTRL+ALT+T

[Add to my merge list](#) ALT+SHIFT+M

Copy URI for this page

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Download the page in these formats

json

More information related to this person on other websites

- [wikidata record](#)
- [isni record](#)
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# JCricket - the entity management tool

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The JCricket editor is an example of how the LOD Platform technology, within the Share Family Linked Data Ecosystem, is pursuing a **new way of managing descriptive data in a cooperative way**:

- ★ aggregation of data from multiple sources
- ★ managed through standard protocols (linked data)
- ★ in a collaborative and integrated environment
- ★ that makes available open data and resources
- ★ to end users and professionals (researchers, scholars etc.)
- ★ for reuse in the research community and beyond

# An expanding community

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# The Share Family Linked Data Ecosystem



The Share Family is a global community built on collaboration that brings together libraries, archives, museums, consortia and Library Service Platforms (LSPs) to join knowledge in an ever-widening network of interconnected descriptive data.

For further details please refer to <https://www.share-family.org> and [the dedicated Share-VDE wiki section.](#)

# Share-VDE - Virtual Discovery Environment



<https://www.svde.org>

**97,1 million bib. records**

**13 million aut. records**

Berkeley Law Library - **600,000 bib.**

Duke University - **5,5 million bib.**

Library of Congress - **12 million bib. + 11 million aut.**

National Library of Finland - **16 million bib. + 220,000 aut.**

National Library of Norway - **2,3 million bib. + 2,3 million aut.**

National Taiwan University Library - **6 million bib. + 300,000 aut.**

New York University - **6 million bib.**

Smithsonian Libraries and Archives - **900,000 bib.**

Stanford University - **9 million bib.**

University of Alberta / NEOS Library Consortium - **6,3 million bib.**

University of Chicago - **12 million bib.**

University of Michigan Ann Arbor - **1 million bib.**

University of Pennsylvania - **6,5 million bib.**

Yale University - **13 million bib.**

# Share Catalogue: Scholarly Heritage and Access to Research

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[Share Catalogue discovery portal](#)

**5 million records**

Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II

Università degli Studi della Basilicata

Università degli Studi del Sannio

Università degli Studi di Salerno

Università degli Studi di Napoli Parthenope

Università degli Studi del Salento

Università degli Studi di Napoli L'Orientale

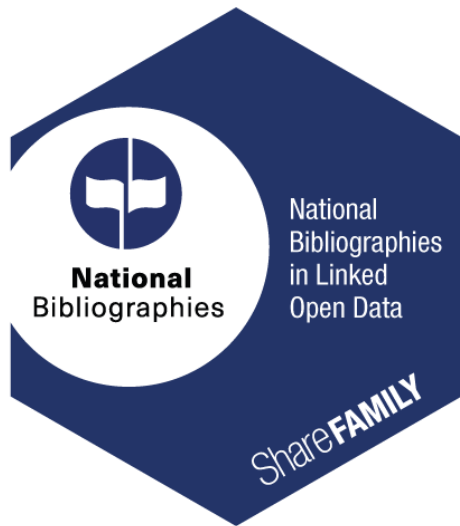
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# National Bibliographies in Linked Open Data

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<https://natbib-lod.org/>

**5 million records**

The aggregation of data from National Bibliographies in a shared entity discovery environment; the first of these is the BNB - British National Bibliography, soon to go into production.

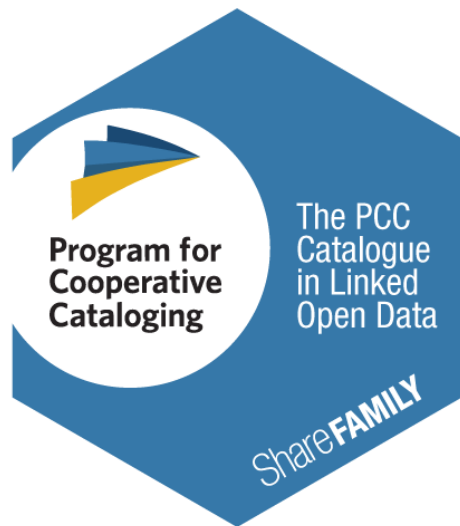


The linked open data BNB beta website is available at

<https://bl.natbib-lod.org/>

# PCC Catalogue in Linked Open Data

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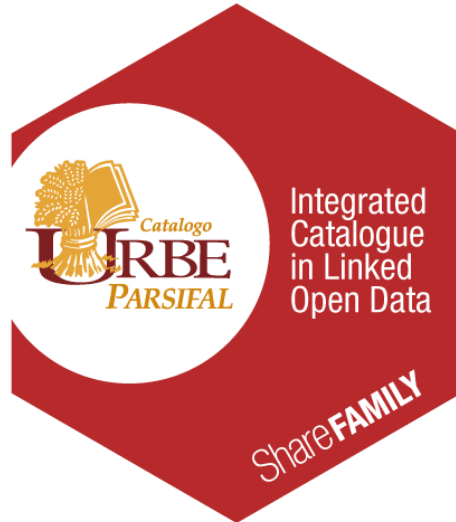


The Share Family hosts a dedicated tenant for the data of the PCC - Program for Cooperative Cataloging, to provide PCC-quality BIBFRAME data housed in an ad hoc data pool

<https://pcc-lod.org/>

**5 million records**

# Parsifal - URBE Catalogue in Linked Open Data



<https://parsifal.urbe.it/parsifal/?l=en>

**3 million records**

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"Marianum"

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Croce

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Tommaso d'Aquino (Angelicum)

Pontificia Università Gregoriana

Pontificia Università Lateranense

Pontificia Università Urbaniana

Pontificio Ateneo Sant'Anselmo

Pontificio Istituto Biblico

Pontificio Istituto Orientale

Pontificio Istituto Teologico  
"Giovanni Paolo II" per le Scienze  
del Matrimonio e della Famiglia

Pontificium Institutum Patristicum  
Augustinianum

Università Pontificia Salesiana

# Facing the future together

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Facilitate information exchange and collaboration with other communities, cross-reference between resources



Transform catalogs in research tools providing structured access and visibility to research in original languages in all disciplines



Improve data publication, data analysis and reuse in other projects

Open up a new level of international cooperation to maintain the growing wealth of information, while preserving local practices



Serve as an authoritative data source, contribute to an ecosystem where data modeling, enrichment and sharing are handled collectively



Thank you - please reach out with any questions

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