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Data Sharing Policy

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Background

In support of EAST's work, EAST Retention Partners and Supporting Partners (Partners) provide data regarding their collections to the Program Team. To date, this data has been used internally or shared with other organizations (e.g., Center for Research Libraries, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, OCLC) in support of EAST's core business functions and known to the Partners in advance of sharing. These core business functions are exempt from the opt out clause of this policy.

As EAST develops new partnerships with external organizations, the success of these partnerships may depend on the ability to share collections data. This policy is intended to define ways in which EAST will use bibliographic and resource sharing data collected from Partners to support the work of EAST. EAST does not collect any patron-related data.

In keeping with the wider library community, EAST supports the open sharing and reuse of library bibliographic metadata in order to improve its discoverability and utility. In the context of EAST, open library bibliographic metadata also increases our ability to collaborate with members, other shared print programs, and other organizations that support the mission of EAST.

Policy

Bibliographic Metadata

Bibliographic metadata related to holdings and/or retentions submitted by Partners becomes part of the EAST Collective Collection Dataset (Dataset).

EAST may share the Dataset with external organizations in support of partnerships and special projects that align with the EAST mission to secure the print scholarly record for teaching, learning, and research. EAST does not claim copyright over the Dataset. Therefore, when shared, the Dataset will be accompanied by a [CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication](#). External organizations will be asked to adhere to a set of Usage Norms as outlined in EAST's [Standard External Partnership Agreement](#).



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Partners may opt out of having their bibliographic metadata shared with external organizations for the purposes of special partnerships and/or projects, and EAST will provide a mechanism for doing so at the launch of this policy and any time changes are made to the policy. EAST will notify Partners when and with whom the Dataset is directly shared. EAST cannot prevent further sharing of bibliographic metadata.

Partners may not opt out of sharing bibliographic metadata with EAST or allowing EAST to share with external organizations that support EAST's core business functions (e.g., Center for Research Libraries, Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries, OCLC).

Resource Sharing Data

The EAST Resource Sharing Directory (Directory) is populated via the Alma Resource Sharing Directory API and directly by Partners. The Directory is available to all Partners via resourcesharing.eastlibraries.org.

Partners' Resource Sharing Contacts may choose to include their names and work email addresses and/or generic departmental contact information in the Directory and should be aware that this information may be publicly accessible. If Resource Sharing Contacts do not want their names and work email addresses publicly accessible, they should limit the data in the Directory to generic departmental contact information.