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SharedIt Information Sheet – For Librarians

What is SharedIt?

SharedIt is a content sharing initiative from Springer Nature that allows authors and subscribers to easily and legally share links to free-to-read versions of research articles anywhere, including social media platforms, repositories and personal websites. All articles published in the Springer Nature owned journal portfolio and over 1,000 co-owned or partner-owned journals are included in the initiative.

How do individuals from my institution use it?

For all journals included in SharedIt, on the webpages of research articles to which your organisation has subscription access, logged-in individuals will see a 'Share' or 'Share article' option. If they click on this, they'll be provided with a SharedIt link, which they can copy and provide to other interested parties or post anywhere, including via social networks such as Twitter or on scholarly collaborative networks such as ResearchGate or Academia.edu, for non-commercial, personal purposes.

Are there any limits to how much can be shared?

Reasonable sharing is encouraged for non-commercial, personal use.

What is the benefit of using SharedIt?

SharedIt allows individuals from your institution to share the research you have subscribed to in an easy and legitimate way, facilitating discussions and collaborations of your researchers with other researchers who may not have a subscription. SharedIt links will take readers to the most up to date, online version of the article.

SharedIt also allows us to better understand how research is being used, as usage can be tracked, unlike when a PDF is downloaded and shared. Springer Nature is committed to making information about usage available on a regular basis. A summary of the results of the first 12-month trial of the content sharing initiative can be found here.

How does it work?

The technology that enables the SharedIt functionality is provided by ReadCube, whose industry-leading functionality enables sharers to make final published versions of research articles available in the streaming Enhanced PDF format. In addition to the full text of the articles, the

Enhanced PDF provides hyperlinked in-line citations and figures, annotation capabilities, one-click access to supplemental content and figures and advanced article metrics.

Who do I contact if I have further questions?

Further information can be found here springernature.com/sharedit.

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