

# Access is not the same thing as understanding.

Publishing a record and helping someone actually use it are two different jobs.

## ACCESS GIVES YOU

- A CSV file, a PDF, or a searchable portal.
- Confirmation that a record exists.
- The raw material — nothing connected yet.
- The same file everyone else can also download.
- A start. Not an answer.

## UNDERSTANDING GIVES YOU

- What changed, why it matters, and what's connected to it.
- Context — how this compares to similar records nearby.
- An explanation you can trace back to the source.
- A specific answer to the question you actually asked.
- A decision you can act on with confidence.

**We do not have an information problem. We have an understanding problem.**