



Copyright for Librarians

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This pathfinder will be useful in finding information about copyright and its relation to public and school libraries.

For an introduction to the topic, see:

- *The Copyright Primer for Librarians and Educators*, by Janis H. Bruwelheide (1998, 2nd ed.)

Key Resources at a Glance:

- *Copyright Law of the United States of America : and Related Laws contained in Title 17 of the United States Code* (Circular 92) The text of the United States copyright law.
- *Copyright in Cyberspace 2 : Questions and Answers for Librarians* by Gretchen McCord Hoffman (2005) This publication gives the essential background of copyright, discusses applying copyright in cyberspace and gives specific library applications.

Resources

Books

- *Complete Copyright : An Everyday Guide for Librarians*, by Carrie Russell (2004)
- *Copyright : A Guide to Information and Resources*, by Gary Becker (2003)
- *Copyright for Schools : A Practical Guide*, by Carol Simpson (2005, 4th ed.)
- *Copyright for Teachers and Librarians*, by Rebecca Butler (2004)
- *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators : Creative Strategies and Practical Solutions*, by Kenneth Crews (2006 2nd ed.)
- *Law and Libraries : The Public Library*, by Lee Ann Torrns (2004)
- *Law for K-12 Libraries and Librarians*, by Lee Ann Torrns (2003)
- *The Library's Legal Answer Book*, by Mary Minow (2003)

Search Aids

Search Terms

(Use for computer searches)

- Copyright
- Fair use

Subject Headings

(Use in card catalogs and print indexes)

- Copyright – United States
- Copyright – United States – Handbooks, manuals, etc.
- Copyright and electronic data processing – United States
- Fair use (Copyright) – United States
- Photocopying – Fair use (Copyright) – United States
- Photocopying services in libraries – United States

Call Number

- 025.5 (Dewey Decimal)
- 346.7304 (Dewey Decimal)
- KF2995 (Library of Congress)
- Z649.F35 (Library of Congress)

Indexes and Abstracts

- EBSCOhost
- First Search
- Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature

Library catalogs

- Your local library catalog
- SILO - State-wide catalog
- World Cat - World-wide Catalog

Web Pages and Web Portals

- Digital Millennium Copyright Act
www.copyright.gov/legislation/dmca.pdf
- United States Copyright Office
www.copyright.gov
- How to Investigate the Copyright Status of a Work
www.copyright.gov/circs/circ22.html
- Reproductions of Copyrighted Works by Educators and Librarians
www.copyright.gov/circs/circ21.pdf
- When Materials Pass into Public Domain
www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm
- Copyright Basics – U.S. Copyright Office
www.copyright.gov/circs/circ1.html

Organizations and Special Collections

- Motion Picture Licensing Corporation
www.mplc.com/
Independent copyright licensing agency providing public performance licenses for videos and DVDs
- Movie Licensing U.S.A.
www.movlic.com/
Independent copyright licensing agency providing public performance licenses for videos and DVDs
- Harry Fox Agency
<http://www.harryfox.com/public/licenseeServices.jsp>
Independent copyright licensing agency providing public performance licenses for use of music in library and school productions, concerts, plays, dance lines, etc.

* You can evaluate other resources using criteria at: www.THEpathfinderproject.org/evaluate.html **

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