

814 Library Copyright Policy

See also related policies: Library Use (809) and Internet Use Policy (815).

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The purpose of this policy is to recognize and respect intellectual property rights and balance the interests of information users and rights holders. The Library will not knowingly support violation of the law either by staff or by the public.

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The Library considers copyright law, including the Fair Use Doctrine (Title 17 United States Code, Section 107) and Creative Commons factors, when evaluating material use.

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The Library assumes no legal responsibility for enforcement of copyright.

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The Library assumes neither liability nor responsibility for patrons' actions.

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The Library will make a reasonable effort to inform patrons about the limits which the law places on reproduction and performance of copyrighted material.

a. Under copyright law, illegal duplication or sharing of copyrighted materials is prohibited. Copyrighted materials may include, but are not limited to, all printed matter, audio recordings, video recordings, computer software, databases, and digital files that are owned or licensed by the Library, obtained through interlibrary loan, or downloaded from the internet. Warnings will be posted on or near all public equipment capable of reproducing materials.

b. Library materials are for personal use only unless public performance rights have been obtained. Groups playing media in the meeting rooms will need to acknowledge that they have obtained permission from the copyright holder and will be notified that the Library is not liable for any potential violations.

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