

Copyright and EReserve at University Libraries, Virginia Tech

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***VT* Copyright**

Policies and Information

**[http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/
copyrigh.html](http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/copyrigh.html)**



VT Copyright Basics

- ❖ **who owns the copyright**
 - **rights of copyright holders**
 - **why register copyright**
- ❖ **when permission is not required**
 - **fair use**
 - **public domain (timeline)**
- ❖ **myths**
- ❖ **links to more copyright information**
- ❖ **flier**



Links to Copyright Information

- ❖ **US Code, Title 17**
- ❖ **Interpretations**
- ❖ **Policies at other universities**
- ❖ ***VT* ETDs**
- ❖ **Guidelines for EReserve**
 - **sample permissions letter**
 - **flier**



VT EReserve Copyright Guidelines

- ❖ **Brief description of sect. 108, *US Code Title 17***
- ❖ **Academic libraries can provide copies for students' study, scholarship, or research**
- ❖ **Limited access**
 - **class names/numbers**
 - **faculty names**
 - **university community only**
 - ◆ **IP address**
 - ◆ **Proxy name servers**
- ❖ **One term only**



VT EReserve Copyright Guidelines

[without asking permission]

❖ Books

- 1 chapter from one book**
- applies to edited collections of readings, essays**

❖ Articles

- 1 article from one issue of one title**
- applies to journals and newspapers**

❖ US government publications: reproduction is unlimited

❖ Consumables: NOT appropriate for EReserve

❖ Coursepacks: NOT appropriate for EReserve



***VT* EReserve Copyright Guidelines**

Faculty must

- **Acknowledge reading Guidelines**
- **Agree to comply**
- **When necessary, have received written permission**
- **One term only**



VT EReserve Copyright Guidelines

Students

- **may make one copy (e.g., download, print or photocopy) for their personal reading, research, or education**
 - ◆ **preserve author's name, title of the work, copyright notice**
- **other use is illegal**
- **do not mislead others about the views or competence of the author**



***VT* EReserve Copyright Guidelines**

- ❖ **Why recent revisions?**
 - **unknown origin of existing policy**
 - **align branches, main--Reserve Desk, EReserve**
 - **faculty questions**
- ❖ **Collaborators with the Library**
 - **User Services: Reference, Circulation, Reserve**
 - **Scholarly Communications Project**
- ❖ **Will be reviewed by University Counsel**



VT EReserve Copyright Guidelines

❖ How to inform faculty?

➤ *Spectrum* article

➤ FDI: educational forums

➤ Library Liaisons and Collegiate Librarians

❖ Policing

➤ inconsistent: monitoring and honor

Reserve Desk vs. EReserve and branches



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