Copyright in [Digital] Libraries

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 Libraries often have the responsibility to inform their user communities about intellectual property and copyright, while university legal counsel focuses on patents, trademarks, and licensing (including library databases). Additionally, libraries try to make compliance very do-able for authors as well as readers (i.e., creators and library users). Following a brief overview of copyright law (US Code Title 17, sections 106-108 especially), begin applying what you already know (i.e., common library practices) to the new online environment: ejournals, ETDs (electronic theses and dissertations), images, and EReserve. We might call this "Legal Tight Rope Walking," learning to use the balance rod so you can successfully navigate the chasm between information producers and users.
US Constitution, Article I, Sect. 8

Promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries.
Copyright Law: *U.S. Code, Title 17*

- **Section 106**: Exclusive rights of creators
- **Section 107**: Fair use and limits to exclusive rights
- **Section 108**: Libraries and limits to exclusive rights
Who owns the copyright?

- Creators of original works
- Creators' assignees
- Employers: works for hire
  - Greenberg v. National Geographic Magazine
Rights of copyright holders

1. Reproduction
2. Modification
3. Distribution
4. Public performance
5. Public display

Sect. 106
Why officially register your copyright?

- Possibly receive greater compensation, with less documentation when filing an infringement suit
Permission or license to use a copyrighted work is NOT required if:

- Work is a fact or an idea
- Work is in the public domain
- Fair use
## Public Domain

Lolly Gassaway: [http://www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm](http://www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm)

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<td>When work is fixed in tangible medium of expression</td>
<td>Life + 70 years (or if work of corporate authorship, the shorter of 95 years from publication, or 120 years from creation)</td>
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<td>28 years + could be renewed for 47 years, now extended by 20 years for a total renewal of 67 years. If not so renewed, now in public domain</td>
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Fair Use

Before using someone else's work *without permission*, consider **ALL 4 FACTORS**

1. Purpose and character of use
2. Nature of the copyrighted work
3. Amount, substantiality
4. Effect

*Sect. 107*
1. Purpose and character of use

- Commercial or educational use
  © Myth: It's OK--it's for educational purposes.

- For profit or not

- Degree of transformation; value added
  © Myth: I modified it; now it's mine.

- For criticism, commentary, news reporting, teaching, scholarship, research

FAIR USE
2. Nature of the copyrighted work

- Character of the work
  - for example, fact or fiction

- Worthy of (extensive) protection?
3. Amount and substantiality
© Myth: Copying just a little bit is OK.

- Use only what is necessary
- Quantity and quality in relation to the whole work
4. Effect

- Harm to potential market or value of a work after a portion has been used separately from the whole
  - © Myths
    - Attribution is as good as permission.
    - It's free advertising.

original by Brad Templeton
http://www.templetons.com/brad/copymyths.html
FAIR USE
© Myths

It doesn't say it's copyrighted!
It's on the Web so I can use it without asking.

- As of March 1, 1989, the copyright warning does not have to appear for a work to be legally copyrighted.

- Reminders

  © 1997 by [your name] or Copyright by [your name]
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Libraries and Sect. 108

- Reproduction or distribution is made without any purpose of direct or indirect commercial advantage
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University Libraries’ Policies

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/

- **EReserve and Reserve**
- **ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations)**
  - Request Publisher's Permission to Use Copyrighted Works.
  - You don’t have to give away all your rights to get published.
- **ILL (InterLibrary Loan) and Document Delivery**
- **Center for Alternative Media**
  - Fair Use of educational multimedia
  - CCUMC Consortium of College and University Media Centers
- **Photocopy Warning**
  - Post warning re © restrictions (law)
EReserve Copyright Guidelines

http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/libcguid.html

- Why revise?
  - Unknown origin of existing policy
  - Align policies: branches, main--Reserve Desk, EReserve
  - Faculty questions

- Collaborators within the Library
  - User Services: Reference, Circulation, Reserve
  - Scholarly Communications Project (DLA)

- Will be reviewed by University Counsel
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
EReserve Copyright Guidelines

Faculty must

– Acknowledge reading Guidelines
– Agree to comply
– One term only

• When necessary, have received written permission
  – Publishers' email addresses
  – Sample permission request letter
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
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
ETDs: electronic theses and dissertations
http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/theses/copyright/

- Handout
- Request Permission: Sample letter
- Publishers' email addresses
- Elsevier's copyright permission policy
- Negotiate with publishers
- US Copyright Office
- Register your copyright
- More Copyright Information from University Libraries
- Publishers' Surveys
Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction

- If not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

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- Libraries must not receive copies in "such aggregate quantities as to substitute for a subscription to or purchase of such work."
Center for Alternative Media
http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright/MediaCen.html

- Off the air recordings that departments own and have been retained longer than the 45 days free-use period are considered illegal.
- CAM will not put illegal off-air recordings on Reserve in the library.
- CAM will not make duplicate copies of illegal off-air recordings.
- CAM will not alter off-air programs. Excerpts of programs can be used in class provided the recorded program is not altered from its original content.
- Off-air recordings will not be added to the library's collection without permission from the copyright owner.
- CAM will not duplicate copyrighted tapes.
- Some CAM-owned videocassettes have public performance rights; many, however, do not. Those that are labeled "For home use only" may be used in a face-to-face teaching situation.
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If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would violate copyright law.
Digital Millennium Copyright Act

- NII Updates/E-News: Section 1 of Association of Research Libraries Federal Relations Notebook Updates, 1996 to date
  http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/frncopy.html

- Report on Distance Education: US Copyright Office,
  http://www.loc.gov/copyright/

- Executive Summary: Lutzker & Lutzker LLP
  http://www.ala.org/washoff/osp.html

- Status & Analysis: Association of Research Libraries,
  http://www.arl.org/info/frn/copy/dmca.html
Copyright Resources
epecially for libraries

- Copyright Management Center
  - Kenneth Crews, IUPUI: Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

- Crash Course in Copyright
  - Georgia Harper, University of Texas at Austin

- US Copyright Law
  - http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/17/

- Library of Congress, Copyright Office
  - http://www.loc.gov/copyright/

- VT Library’s copyright Web site
  - http://scholar.lib.vt.edu/copyright