Copyright and EReserve at University Libraries, Virginia Tech

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VT Copyright

Policies and Information

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

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