

# Copyright in the Digital Age: Developing Resources for Your Academic Community

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## Abstract

In 2005, the University of Connecticut Libraries launched a two-year copyright initiative intended to inform library activities and educate the university community. A Copyright Project Team of three librarians (Director of Access Services, Music Librarian, and University Archivist) performed environmental scans to assess needs and identify resources. In consultation with library-service units, the team developed or revised copyright policies and guidelines for the libraries and its users to follow. Working with a library applications developer, the team designed, populated, and promoted a new library/university copyright web site. Several institutions kindly gave permission to adapt materials. The team sponsored staff and public forums on copyright, and established key external contacts across the university in hopes of laying groundwork for broader involvement. That vision came to fruition when the team was asked to prepare a charge for a new committee that will address copyright issues at the university level.

## Copyright Project Team Timeline

	Administrative	Policy/Web site Development	Staff/Public Events
<b>Spring 2005</b>	Team formed; secured funding		ARL webcast on orphan works
<b>Summer 2005</b>		Scan of internal and external copyright environment	Webcast on applying fair use
<b>Fall 2005</b>	Staff survey assesses knowledge and identifies expertise/needs	Assemble outline of web site topics and potential policies	
<b>Spring 2006</b>	Identify and secure approval for use of outside legal counsel	Develop web site framework and prototype	Copyright forum and web site preview
<b>Summer 2006</b>	Consultation with services and administrators across university <sup>1</sup>	Web site content development <sup>1</sup> ; secure content permissions	
<b>Fall 2006</b>	Consultation with library units <sup>1</sup>	Draft library policies and review by legal counsel <sup>1</sup>	
<b>October 2006</b>	Web site and progress report for library leadership	Informal web site release <sup>1</sup>	Web site introductory sessions for library staff
<b>November 2006</b>		Web/policy work continues...	Article in library newsletter
<b>December 2006</b>	Presentation to library's faculty advisory committee		Boston Library Consortium copyright forum
<b>January 2007</b>	Meeting with Attorney General's office and Office of Audit, Compliance & Ethics results in draft charge for a university-wide copyright committee	Formal web site release <sup>1</sup>	Article in university newspaper
<b>February 2007</b>	General library policy statement approved by library leadership	Continued web site and library policy development	Authors' rights brochure (with Scholarly Comm. Team)
<b>March 2007</b>	Link to Copyright web site added to university's policies web page		Poster session at 13 <sup>th</sup> ACRL National Conference
<b>May 2007</b>	Project Team's final report to library leadership A new, permanent copyright team charged		
<b>Future</b>	Library participation on university committee on copyright?	Continued web site development	Additional outreach and training resources for library staff and university community

<sup>1</sup> Activity or development continued beyond this time period.

## Resource List

### Getting Started

*Campus Copyright Rights and Responsibilities: A Basic Guide to Policy Considerations*. [United States]: Association of American Universities, 2005. Sponsored by the Association of American Universities, the Association of Research Libraries, the Association of American University Presses, and the Association of American Publishers. [http://aaupnet.org/aboutup/issues/Campus\\_Copyright.pdf](http://aaupnet.org/aboutup/issues/Campus_Copyright.pdf)

Crews, Kenneth D. et al. *Copyright Law for Librarians and Educators: Creative Strategies and Practical Solutions*. 2d ed. Chicago: American Library Association, 2006. Includes good bibliography for getting started.

*Know Your Copy Rights: Using Copyrighted Works in Academic Settings*. Sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries. <http://www.knowyourcopyrights.org/>

U.S. Copyright Office <http://www.copyright.gov/>

### Model Copyright Web Sites in Higher Education

Brown University <http://www.brown.edu/Administration/Copyright/index.html>

NCSU Scholarly Communication Center (P. Hoon) <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/copyright/index.html>

NCSU Copyright Tutorial Series <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/tutorial/>

Purdue University <http://www.lib.purdue.edu/uco/main/about.html>

Stanford University <http://fairuse.stanford.edu/>

Syracuse University <http://library.syr.edu/copyright/>

UCLA <http://www2.library.ucla.edu/copyright/index.cfm>

University of Connecticut <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/copyright/>

University of Minnesota <http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/>

UT Austin (Georgia Harper) <http://www.utsystem.edu/ogc/Intellectualproperty/cprtindx.htm>

Washington State University <http://publishing.wsu.edu/copyright/>

### Useful Tools or Hot Topics

Copyright Clearance Center <http://www.copyright.com/>

Copyright Decision Map (U. Minnesota) <http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/map.phtml>

Creative Commons <http://creativecommons.org/>

Open Access Bibliography (ARL) <http://info.lib.uh.edu/cwb/oab.pdf>

Orphan Works <http://www.arl.org/pp/ppcopyright/orphan/index.shtml>

Public Domain Chart (Cornell) [http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle\\_Public\\_Domain.htm](http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/training/Hirtle_Public_Domain.htm)

Section 108 Study Group <http://www.loc.gov/section108/>

SHERPA/RoMEO: publishers' copyright and archiving policies <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>

SPARC on Author's Rights <http://www.arl.org/sparc/author/addendum.html>

TEACH [Act] Toolkit (NCSU) <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/scc/legislative/teachkit/>

This handout and other materials from the poster session can be found online at <http://www.lib.uconn.edu/copyright/presentations.html>.