# Copyright Overview: Issues for Libraries and in Education

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# Our agenda...

- Definition of Copyright
  - Digital Millennium Copyright Act
  - Bono Copyright Extension Act
- Doctrine of First Sale
- Fair Use
- Educational performance of motion media
- Your questions

# What is Copyright?

- Title XVII of the United States Code
  - Text available at http://www.copyright.gov/title17/
- Rights granted by Congress in the Constitution to authors, artists, inventors
- Intended to "promote the progress of science and the useful arts"
- In place for a "limited time"

# What is Copyrightable?

- Original works of authorship fixed in any tangible medium of expression, now known or that will be developed in the future. Works of authorship include:
  - written works (fiction, non-fiction, lesson plans, this powerpoint);
  - musical works, including any accompanying words;
  - dramatic works, including any accompanying music;
  - pantomimes and choreographic works;
  - pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works;
  - motion pictures and other audiovisual works;
  - -sound recordings; and
  - architectural works.

Facts are not copyrightable

# Requirements for Copyright Protection

- Work must be original and in a fixed medium
- Does not require the copyright symbol ©
- Does not require registration with the U.S. Copyright office, but registration has its benefits
  - Public record of a copyright claim
  - Must be registered to file an infringement lawsuit
  - Must be registered prior to infringement to recover statutory damages and attorney's fees. Otherwise, you can recover only actual damages.

### Digital Millennium Copyright Act

- Passed in 1998
- Updated 1976 copyright law to take into account new technologies
  - 1. Prohibits circumvention of technological protection measures (becomes an issue if you want to copy a digital work like a CD or DVD).
  - 2. Prohibits alteration of information imbedded in digital works (watermarks, etc.)
  - 3. Limits Internet service providers' (ISP) liability (colleges, universities, and many school districts are ISPs).
  - 4. For more information see:

http://www.copyright.gov/legislation/dmca.pdf

### **Bono Copyright Extension Act**

- Passed with DMCA
- Retroactively extended copyright from life of holder + 50 years to 70 years
- Works about to enter the public domain (out of copyright and thus can be used in any manner) remain under copyright protection for an additional 20 years.
  - When Works Pass into the Public Domain <u>http://www.copyright.cornell.edu/resources/publicdomain.cfm</u>

# As a Copyright Holder, what can I do with a Copyrighted Work?

- If you are the author, copyright law gives you the exclusive right to:
  - Reproduce, distribute, perform, display, or transmit digitally your work, as well as the right to prepare works based on the original.
  - You may also permit others to use your work in any of these ways, without giving up these copyrights.

### If you are not the Copyright holder?

- Copyright law gives you a number of ways to use a copyrighted work.
  - Doctrine of First Sale
  - Fair use
  - Classroom use of audiovisual materials

#### Doctrine of First Sale—Section 109

- Permits you, as the holder or owner of a copyrighted work, to sell, lend, rent, or dispose of, the physical manifestation of the work without permission.
  - This is how libraries and video stores operate.
- You do not own the copyright to the work, just the physical object.
- Does not apply to computer programs.
- Becoming more of an issue as we license access to digital versions of content we used to purchase in physical formats.

#### Fair Use—section 107

- Fair use is critical to education at all levels.
- Use of a copyrighted work, including reproductions for purposes such as criticism, comments, news reporting, teaching, scholarship or research, is not an infringement of copyright.
- There are 4 factors that are used to determine whether a use falls under the protection of Fair Use.

#### Four Factors of Fair Use

- 1. The purpose and character of use, including whether such use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes;
- The nature of the copyrighted work (published or unpublished; fiction or nonfiction);
- The amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole;
- 4. The effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work.

All four factors must be considered

# Court Cases establish Fair Use boundaries

- Basic Books v. Kinko's Graphics Corporation
  - Educational vs. for-profit use.
- Sony vs. Universal Studios (Betamax)
  - When and for what purpose can you make personal copies?
- Harper & Row v. Nation Enterprises
  - How much is too much?

# What is parody?

- http://www.jibjab.com/originals/this land
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq7Eki5EZ8o

### Fair use analysis

Use the fair use checklist at

http://copyright.columbia.edu/fair-use-checklist

To evaluate your use of copyrighted materials.

# Performance and display—Section 110

- Video, dvds and films are treated differently under copyright—concern is beyond just copying; it encompasses display and performance.
- You may show a motion media work (perform) under the following circumstances:
  - performance or display of a work by instructors or pupils in the course of face-to-face teaching activities of a nonprofit educational institution, in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction, unless, in the case of a motion picture or other audiovisual work, the performance, or the display of individual images, is given by means of a copy that was not lawfully made under this title, and that the person responsible for the performance knew or had reason to believe was not lawfully made

#### **TEACH Act**

- Passed in 2002 to address concerns surrounding distance education not addressed in the DMCA.
- Primarily makes changes to section 110, explicitly permits copying clips of feature films for use in online courses offered through a course management system.
- Also permits the digitization and display of still images in the same amount that would be used in a classroom.
- Institutions may choose to be TEACH Act compliant or not.
- TEACH can be used along with fair use—neither is mutually exclusive.

# Keeping up with copyright

- Chronicle of Higher Education
- Inside Higher Ed
- Scholarly Communications @ Duke (Kevin Smith's blog)
- Copyright Librarian (Nancy Sims, U of Minnesota's blog)

# Now for some of your questions...