The Good News About Library Fair Use

An academic and research library’s INTEGRAL role in teaching, learning, and research cannot be overstated. It is essential for conducting, sharing, and supporting research. Libraries manage, distribute, and deploy library materials. Library materials are widely open copies.

Lifelong Learning

4.8 million

85%

50%

70-80%

1. Libraries can provide fair use copies of their library materials.
2. Libraries can make fair use copies of other libraries.
3. Libraries can make fair use copies for other libraries.

Without fair use, much of this material would be off-limits for next-generation library use.

Guidelines vs. Best Practices

The OLD GUIDELINES HAVE FAILED

Larger copies

In general, libraries can't make fair use copies of larger documents like books or articles.

BEST PRACTICES RULE!

Smaller copies

In general, libraries can make fair use copies of smaller documents like book chapters or articles.

The Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Academic & Research Libraries

How it was Made

How You Can Use

1. Libraries' due diligence.
2. Libraries' fair use.
3. Libraries' educational programs.
4. Libraries' research.
5. Libraries' public service.
7. Libraries' research.
8. Libraries' public service.

Principles, facilitators, and enhancements are designed to make a difference in how libraries approach fair use.

What’s in it

8 Principles

- Libraries have the right to make and use fair use copies.
- Libraries have the right to make fair use copies for other libraries.
- Libraries have the right to make fair use copies for others.
- Libraries have the right to make fair use copies for nonprofit libraries.
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Access the full code and other resources of the Fair Use Guidelines.