

Fair Use and Copyright Resources

Virginia Archives Month 2024

Information Concerning Federal Copyright Law

- [Copyright Law of the United States \(Title 17\)](#) from the US Copyright office
 - [Section 107: Limitations on exclusive rights: Fair use](#)
- [General Information on Copyright](#) from the US Copyright office

History of Copyright

- [A Brief History of Copyright in the United States](#) from U.S. Copyright Office
- [Copyright Timeline: A History of Copyright in the United States](#) from Association of Research Libraries
- [U.S. Copyright Fair Use Case Index](#) (Index dates back to 1841)
 - [Search the Index](#) by jurisdiction or category

Four Factor Test for Fair Use

- [Measuring Fair Use: The Four Factors](#) from Sanford Libraries
- [Fair Use](#) from Columbia University Libraries

Copyright and the Public Domain

- [“What is Copyright?”](#) from U.S. Copyright Office
- [Copyright Term and the Public Domain in the United States](#) from Cornell University
- [Public Domain Infographic](#) from Cornell University

Checklists and Interactive Tools for Fair Use and Public Domain

- [Fair Use Evaluator Tool](#) from the American Library Association (ALA) Office for Information Technology Policy
- [Public Domain Tool](#) from the American Library Association (ALA)
- [The Section 108 Spinner](#) of the U.S. Copyright Code from the American Library Association (ALA)

- [“You be the Fair Use Judge Today: Visual Arts”](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI)
- [“Asking for Permission”](#) from Columbia University Libraries (Includes several model letters)
- [Fair Use Checklist](#) from Columbia University
- [Fair Use Checklist](#) from Cornell University
- [Public Domain Zine Prompts](#) from Rosalind Franklin University
- [“Fair Use or Foul Play: You Decide!”](#) UCLA Library Fair Use Week Postcard

Best Practices for Fair Use in Libraries and Archives

- [Code for Best Practices in Fair Use for Academic and Research Libraries](#) from the Association of Research Libraries
- [“What If We Asked the Librarians? How The Librarians’ Code is Different.”](#) from the Association of Research Libraries
- [Best Practices in Fair Use Collections Containing Orphan Works for Libraries, Archives, and other Memory Institutions](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI)

Other Guides and Resources Concerning Copyright, Fair Use, and Public Domain

Guides

- [Copyright Services: Copyright Support Guide](#) from Cornell Copyright Services:
- [Copyright Crash Course Guide](#) from the University of Texas
- [Copyright and Fair Use Guide](#) from Stanford University
- Cyber Law Clinic:
 - [Copyright Part 1 – What It Is and What It Protects \(and Doesn’t\)](#)
 - [Copyright Part 2– Fair Use](#)
 - [Copyright Part 3 – Licensing and Getting Permission](#)

Informational Videos

- [“History of Copyright”](#) from the U.S. Copyright Office
- [“Fair Use”](#) from the U.S. Copyright Office
- [“Fair Use in Seven Words”](#) from University of Virginia Libraries
- [“Creativity, Copyright, and Fair Use”](#) from Common Sense Education
- [“Fair Use”](#) from the Berkman Klein Center at Harvard University
- [“Prince, Andy Warhol and Fair Use”](#) at the Supreme Court
 - [“Supreme Court Rules that Andy Warhol Violated a Photographer’s Copyright”](#) article from Smithsonian Magazine. (Covers the 2024 debate over the future of Fair Use)

Applying Fair Use to Daily Life

- [“The Good News About Library Fair Use”](#) from American Library Association (ALA) Fair Use Week
- [“Fair Use in the Visual Arts”](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI), the College Art Association (CAA), and American University.
- [“Fair Use at Comic-Con”](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI) and the College Art Association (CAA)
- [“Fair Use in Making Art”](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI) and the College Art Association (CAA)
- [“Yes You Can” \(Museums\)](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI) and the College Art Association (CAA)
- [“Yes You Can” \(Art/Teachers\)](#) from the Center for Media and Social Impact (CMSI) and the College Art Association (CAA)
- [“A Day in the Life of Fair Use at School”](#) from Re:Create
- [“Fair Use at SXSW”](#) Infographic from Re:Create
- [“Can I Use It?”](#) Infographic from the University of Minnesota