

Lincoln County Public Library Copyright Law

Copyright is a property right that gives the copyright owner of an original work a bundle of exclusive rights, which include the right to authorize or prohibit the reproduction, derivative works, and public performance or display of the work.

Under present law, copyright exists automatically from the moment a work is fixed in a tangible medium of expression. The work may be published or unpublished. It is not necessary that the copyright be registered with the Copyright Office, As of March 1, 1989, a notice of copyright on the work is optional and its absence does not necessarily mean that the work is in the public domain.

Some categories of publications are in public domain; that is, their use is not protected by copyright law:

4. Publications dated 1922 or earlier.
5. Works that do not include a copyright notice and were first published before January 1, 1978.
6. Most United States government documents.

Once a work has acquired public domain status, it is no longer eligible for copyright protection.

The Lincoln County Public Library will enforce the United States Copyright Law (Title 17, United States Code).

Staff will utilize the Fair Use Checklist from their procedure file, if in doubt.

Adopted by the Lincoln County Public Library Board of Trustees this 10th day of February 2025.

_____ Board President _____ Date

NOTICE WARNING CONCERNING COPYRIGHT

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

Under certain conditions specified in the law, libraries and archives are authorized to furnish a photocopy or other reproduction. One of these specified conditions is that the photocopy or reproduction is not to be "used for any purpose other than private study, scholarship, or research." If a user makes a request for, or later uses, a photocopy or reproduction for purposes in excess of "fair use," that user may be liable for copyright infringement.

The Person using this equipment is liable for any infringement.

This institution reserves the right to refuse to accept a copying order if, in its judgment, fulfillment of the order would involve violation of copyright law.

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The only exemption is the "face to face exemption." The video will be used in classroom setting with the teacher in face-to-face instruction.