

Adherence to Copyright Law

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Library attempts to adhere to the United States copyright law and the doctrine of fair use as specified in the attached guidelines for use of:

- Print materials.
- Non-print materials.
- Computer software.
- Database downloading.
- Software licenses.
- Facsimile transmissions (such as periodical articles).

Elements of Title 17, United States Code: The Copyright Law

Definition: Copyright is limited monopoly granted by federal law. It is the exclusive right that protects an author, composer, or programmer from having his or her work duplicated except by permission.

Purpose

The purpose of copyright is to encourage the development of new and original works and to stimulate their wide distribution by assuring that their creators will be fairly compensated for their contributions to society.

Length and Ownership

Works included

Works of authorship include, but are not limited to, the following categories:

- Computer programs.
- Dramatic works, including any accompanying music.
- Literary works.

- Motion pictures and other audiovisual works.
- Musical works, including any accompanying words.
- Pantomimes and choreographic works.
- Sound recordings.

The current American copyright law is embodied in Title 17 of the United States Code.