

Copyright & Fair Use Resources for Educators

"In fact, materials on copyright for the educational community tend to overstate the risk of educators being sued for copyright infringement—and in some cases convey outright misinformation about the subject. In effect, they interfere with genuine understanding of the purpose of copyright—to promote the advancement of knowledge through balancing the rights of owners and users."

Center for Social Media

General Resources:

Center for Social Media (School of Communications, American University) -

http://www.centerforsocialmedia.org/resources/fair_use/

Code of Best Practices in Fair Use for Media Literacy Education: Very readable – and only 17 pages -

http://www.centerforsocialmedia.org/files/pdf/Media_literacy_txt.pdf

Teaching about Copyright & Fair Use: Renee Hobbs (Media Education Lab at Temple University) has created excellent units of practice for elementary, middle, and high school students -

<http://mediaeducationlab.com/index.php?page=287>

Unlocking Copyright Confusion - Renee Hobbs' wiki for sharing copyright & fair use resources -

<http://copyrightconfusion.wikispaces.com/Presenting>

Finally the End to Copyright Confusion Has Arrived – Online slideshow by Renee Hobbs -

<http://www.slideshare.net/reneehobbs/finally-the-end-to-copyright-confusion-has-arrived-presentation?nocache=3970>

Copyrightfriendly – High school librarian Joyce Valenza's wiki -

<http://copyrightfriendly.wikispaces.com/>

Creative Commons – Besides understanding copyright, how about "copyleft"? -

<http://search.creativecommons.org/> . Checkout the video *Wanna Work Together?* -

<http://support.creativecommons.org/videos#wwt>

Cyberbee: Copyright Resources for Elementary Students - <http://www.cyberbee.com/copyrt.html>

Copyright Basics for Kids – Students can earn a certificate at this site - <http://www.copyrightkids.org/>

Stanford University's Center for Internet and Society – Be sure to checkout the video *A Fairy(y) Tale* -

<http://cyberlaw.stanford.edu/documentary-film-program/film/a-fair-y-use-tale>

Got Music? Copyright & Royalty Free Resources:

Moby Gratis- If you're a Moby fan, you'll appreciate having permission to use some of his discarded tunes - <http://www.mobygratis.com/film-music.html>

Jamendo- A vast collection of truly royalty free music - <http://www.jamendo.com/en/>

Kevin McCloud - I found this resource via Mathew Needleman's blog. In Mathew's words: "*This guy has great movie music that's easily searchable by mood and style. I don't know how he makes a living cuz he's giving good stuff away for free.*" - <http://incompetech.com/>

Links not working? Updates are posted on regularly on Gail Desler's wiki –

<http://toolkit4blogwalker.wikispaces.com>