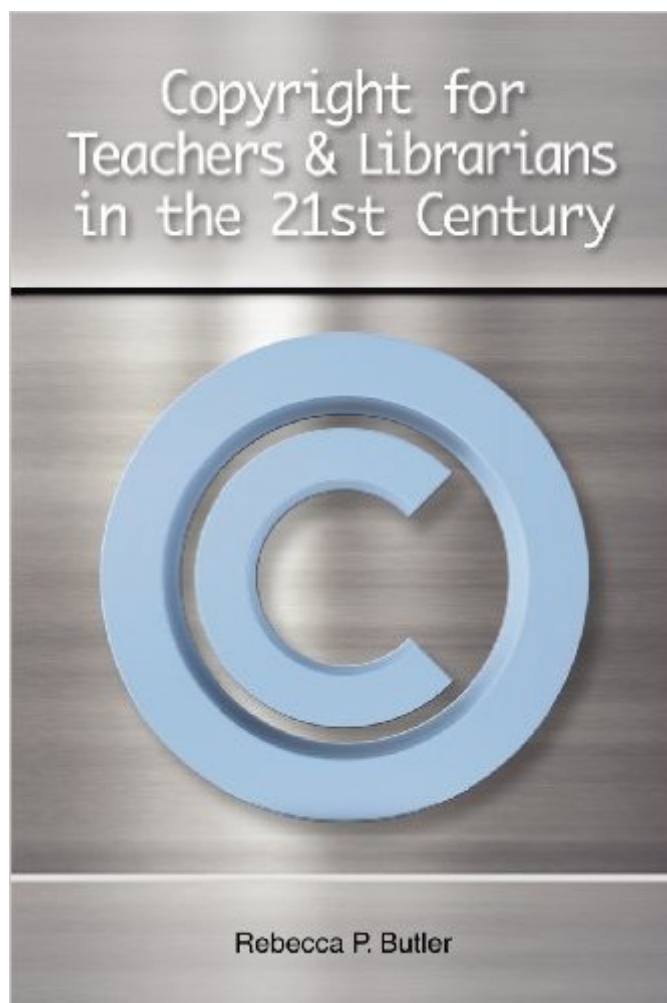


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# Copyright For Teachers And Librarians In The 21st Century



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Here is a practical copyright handbook designed to help librarians, media specialists, technology coordinators and specialists, and teachers stay within copyright law while making copyrighted print, non-print, and Web sources available to students and others. Library educator Rebecca Butler explains fair use, public domain, documentation and licenses, permissions, violations and penalties, policies and ethics codes, citations, creation and ownership, how to register copyrights, and gives tips for staying out of trouble. She explains copyright considerations for the web, television, videos and DVDs, computer software, music, books, magazines, and journals--materials that can create a day-to-day challenge for educators and require this resource's careful guidance. Up-to-date coverage includes: \*iPods and other hand-held devices (including cell phones that access the Internet); blogs; wikis; Pod-casts; RSS feeds; Nings; \*Second Life and other Internet world environments; Social Networks (FaceBook, MySpace, Twitter, etc; \*Moodle, Skype, and similar digital communication tools; \*Social bookmarking; web syndication; video streaming; TIVO and similar systems; \*deep-linking \*Computer/video games/gaming; and \*Open-sourcing/Creative Commons. Butler also covers how to deal with those who would have you break the law; orphan works; file sharing; distance education; digital rights management; the law: classroom exemption, handicap exemption, library exemption, other important federal exemptions in the K-12 schools, parodies, and state laws; copyright lawsuits; relationship of plagiarism to copyright; and copyright and privacy. Both a self-education tool and a practical guide, the book makes clear just what teachers and librarians can and cannot do in the classroom or library. Essential background is provided for everything from the basic concepts of copyright law to specific applications of it for various types of media. Figures and flowcharts throughout make the book easy to follow and understand. Appendices feature U.S. copyright law excerpts and resources for further information.

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