

Copyright Discussion

It is important to understand all of the issues surrounding the concept of copyright. Many individuals do not believe that copyrighting everything is in the best interest of the general public and actually has a negative impact on the sharing of knowledge. There is also a growing trend towards free access to information versus the fee-based model that has been in place for many years. The following are just a sample of some of the resources that discuss these issues in depth.

Open Access

An introduction to open access by Peter Suber.

- <http://www.earlham.edu/%7Epeters/fos/brief.htm>

Public Knowledge Project

Public Knowledge is a public interest group that is based in Washington, D.C. It aims to educate the public and defend their rights during a time when the digital world is expanding exponentially.

- <http://www.publicknowledge.org/about>

They are concerned with several issues, including Copyright, the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), Network Neutrality, Open Access Research, Orphan Works, and Trademark. They discuss some of limitations and exceptions of copyright.

- <http://www.publicknowledge.org/issues>

Canadian Copyright

Dr. Michael Geist teaches law at the University of Ottawa, and has written about the subject of copyright law in Canada. A brief bio can be found on his website. He also has a blog where he writes about the latest updates in copyright.

- <http://www.michaelgeist.ca>