



Libraries, copyright and the World Intellectual Property Organisation

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WHY do we engage?

WHAT are we doing?

HOW can you help?



Berne Convention

*Obligatory Protections,
Optional Exceptions*



LIMITS OF LICENSING

In the library context, licenses can give but they can also take rights away.

This infographic offers examples of provisions in real licences that limit what libraries can do with works they have bought.

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Prohibiting data mining ⚠

Library

Vendor

Note: All examples above are contractual terms extracted from actual contracts

As research and preservation activities become international, the problem grows bigger...

... while new problems linked to digitisation emerge





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WIPO

- 191 Members, UN Body
- Focus on copyright, patents, trademarks, design rights, geographical indications, and traditional knowledge and cultural expression.
- Ability to negotiate Treaties, such as Marrakesh
- Extensive training programme

SCCR

Crews Studies

Eleven themes:

- Preservation
- Reproduction
- Lending
- Legal Deposit
- Parallel Importation
- Cross-Border Access
- Orphan and Out of Commerce Works
- Limitations on Liability
- Contract Override
- Technological Protection Measures
- Translation

But what objective?

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Effective steps to ensure that libraries and their users benefit from a complete and modern set of exceptions and limitations

Cross-border effect of exceptions and limitations to allow for international cooperation

Practical guidance/support to Member States in delivering good laws for libraries

Accessible evidence on copyright laws for libraries

“All governments can introduce new exceptions and limitations, so we don’t need action at WIPO...”

“Licensing meets all needs for cross-border access...”

“There’s no way of stopping countries implementing overly broad exceptions and limitations...”

“We need to give publishers the time to find stable business models for the digital age...”



How You Can Help

- Ask your copyright office to support libraries at WIPO
- Share examples of where a lack of exceptions has made your work harder
- Follow us and show your interest on social media!

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