

Copyright & Ethical Considerations for Digitization Projects

Overview

Welcome to copyright! For an overview of what copyright is and how it might apply to your materials, consider visiting the following resources:

- [Copyright at UBC](#)
- [Copyright at SFU: Copyright Basics](#)
- [Navigating Copyright For Museums](#)
- [Our Digital World: Canadian Copyright FAQ](#)

Sometimes you may need to consider things beyond basic copyright law when thinking about whether or not you can digitize materials.

Here are some topics within copyright that may be useful:

- [Creative Commons](#)
- [Public Domain](#)
- [Fair Use or Fair Dealing](#)
- [Intellectual Property and Copyright](#)
- [Choosing Rights Statements and Creative Commons Licenses \(BCHDP Support Guide\)](#)

Types of Materials and Their Copyright Considerations

Certain materials you may want to digitize have unique copyright considerations, and in some cases, ethical considerations. If you need more information for the type(s) of material(s) you are interested in digitizing, we have organised copyright considerations by type, below.

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Indigenous Materials

- [Indigenous Archives Toolkit](#)

- [Digitization and Preservation of Indigenous Materials](#)
- [Digital Ethics and Reconciliation in Libraries and Archives](#)
- [IKBLC: Indigitization Toolkit](#)
- [Traditional Knowledge \(TK\) Labels](#)
- [TK Notices and Labels Guide](#)

Oral Histories

- [Concordia University Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling: Ethics](#)
- [Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21: Carrying Out an Oral History Project](#)
- [Concordia Art History: Oral Histories \(Copyright Section\)](#)

Artwork

- [Our Digital World: 'Works' under Copyright](#)
- [Copyright at UBC: Public Domain in Canada Guide](#)
- [Owning a Work versus Owning Copyright](#)

Photographs

- [Our Digital World: Photograph Copyright \(Table\)](#)
- [Copyright and Privacy in Photography](#)
- [Copyright at UBC: Public Domain for Images](#)

Newspapers

- [Copyright at UBC: Public Domain for a Work Created for Hire \(i.e. a newspaper article\)](#)
- [Our Digital World: Newspaper Copyright \(including scrapbooks and clippings\)](#)
- [ASMN Copyright Determinations: An Example Guide from UFV](#)

Audiovisual materials

- [Our Digital World: Films and Videos and Sound Recordings](#)

Books

- [Copyright at UBC: Public Domain for Literary, Dramatic or Musical Work, or Engravings](#)
- [Copyright at UBC: Public Domain for Authorship](#)