COPYRIGHT CORNER

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THE COMMITTEE

The IALL copyright committee members who volunteered at last year's NERALLD conference will have their first, face-to-face meeting at this fall's conference. We welcome additional volunteers to join us in person or by e-mail, phone, or postal service. Copyright is such a big topic that we need your input through questions and contributions even if you can't volunteer to join the committee.

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MORE RESOURCES

The following adds a few items on other media to Carolyn Kotlas' excellent bibliography on computer copyright (*IALL Journal*, Spring '92).

One of the best overviews is the article, "Copyright and Non-Print Media: Learning Labs and the Law," written by Bruce Parkhurst and Laura Carpenter for the IALL Journal (Vol 23, Number 2, Spring 1990). Several suggested permission forms are included.

An alternative to forms is a brief letter which states who you are, your purpose, the specific programming you have identified as having excellent educational value for students, the permissions you request (e.g. inclusion on compilation tape, presentation at conferences), your non-profit status, and your desire to receive a written response or the identity of the copyright holder if you have written to the wrong person. Such letters have solicited positive responses from the copyright owners of "Dr. Zhivago" (for showing on campus cable system), "The Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles" (for ESL), many TV advertisers, and even short segments of music. For copies of the article and sample letters/relies contact Irene Starr.

"Cable in the Classroom" is an organization of cable programmers which offers many hours of programming, some without charge and free of copyright restrictions, according to "Tech Trends" (Vol 37, Number 3, 1992). Programs can be taped and even edited as long as the use is for educational purposes. The monthly magazine of the same name lists details. (1900 North Beauregard St., Suite 108, Alexandria, VA 22311, phone: 703-845-1400)

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"Tech Trends" is published bimonthly by AECT, the Association for Educational Communications and Technology, an organization whose Copyright Information Services offers books and articles on copyright. (1025 Vermont Ave., NW, Suite 820, Washington, DC 20005, phone: 202-347-7834)

"A Guide to Copyright Issues in Higher Education" by the National Association of College and University Attorneys. (One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 620, Washington, DC 20036, phone: 202-833-8390).

"Intellectual Property Rights: The Politics of Ownership" is an issue of the "Cultural Survival Quarterly" (summer 1991) examining the "theft" of research, experimentation, and art from indigenous people. Although the articles are not related to copying media, they do highlight the importance of being able to make a living from intellectual property and the resulting losses to society when people are not compensated. (53A Church St., Cambridge, MA 02138 phone: 617-495-2562)

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