

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **(3.17) Copyright**

It is the responsibility of the library patron to adhere to copyright law when using the library, its services and its materials.

#### **Copying**

U.S. copyright law governs copying copyrighted material. Use of unsupervised photocopiers in libraries is the patron's legal responsibility rather than the library's. A "Notice Warning Patrons Concerning Copyright Restrictions" is posted near each public-use photocopier. This notice refers to the "fair use" guidelines for private study, scholarship, or research. If a patron requests further guidance on copyright law staff can connect them with additional information on the topic.

#### **Audio Visual Materials**

The concept of "fair use" does not allow duplication of audio-visual material. The library has neither the means nor the responsibility to monitor outside copying or other use of our circulating materials; this is the legal responsibility of the patron who checks out the material.

DVDs and videos circulated to the public may be "Home Use Only" or may have "Public Performance Rights." The definition of "public performance" is as follows: "to perform or display it at a place open to the public or at any place where a substantial number of persons outside of a normal circle of a family and its social acquaintances is gathered." Face-to-face teaching activities of a nonprofit educational institution may allow showing of a home-use DVD or video if it has a direct relationship to the subject being taught. It is the responsibility of the patron checking out the item to determine if this exception applies. The library cannot offer legal advice to patrons.

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It is a copyright violation to use library computer equipment or networks to upload and distribute copyrighted electronic materials or media to any file sharing network or system. This may result prosecution and loss of computer privileges at all Juneau Public Libraries.

#### **3D Fabrication**

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