

Copyright Matters for Public Libraries

Copyright has a decisive impact on libraries' activities. You may not notice it, but copyright exceptions can enable public libraries to do the following:



Lend a book – or an eBook! – to a user



Teach users about fake news using a newspaper article as an example



Make a copy of a book from another library to help a user research local history



Preserve local newsletters to make an exhibition



Run a makerspace programme for local young people



Hold a story telling session, reading from a popular children's book

However, copyright rules may also prohibit some of these everyday activities from happening. Find out about your local laws, and join IFLA in promoting copyright rules that work for all libraries!

To learn more about copyright limitations and exceptions, visit ifla.org/copyright-issues-for-libraries



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