

## Copyright FAQ's

If your question is not listed here, please consult the University Copyright web site:

<http://www.usask.ca/copyright/index.php>

**Q: What is MONDO?**

A: MONDO is the University Library's Usage Rights Database. This database helps identify important license information for the Library's licensed electronic resources. Users can see what is and is not a permitted use for a specific electronic journal for the purposes of e-reserves, direct linking, and inclusion in coursepacks and course management systems.

**Q: How do I access the usage rights information for a specific title?**

A: The usage rights information now appears on the Library's Find it! availability screen. You will see this information when you search for a journal title in a variety of places such as the Library's Catalogue, E-Journals search, and USearch.

**Q: What if I want to use a specific journal (ex: for inclusion in a coursepack, direct linking, etc.) but there is no Usage Rights information provided?**

A: You can review the journal publisher's website to see if copyright / permissions information is provided. If it is not, you can contact the publisher directly. To report missing usage rights information, please contact the reference desk at your branch library (<http://library.usask.ca/askus/> or <http://library.usask.ca/branches/index.php>).

**Q: What do the terms *E-Reserve*, *CMS*, *CoursePacks*, *Link*, *Print* mean?**

A: You can click on any of these terms on the Library's Find it! availability screen to see a definition as well as more details on what is or is not permitted. You can also click on the *more info* link to see this information.

**Q: Are there different policies and procedures with regards to Copyright for Library reserves this year?**

A: No, our reserve policies and procedures have remained the same from the past year.

**Q: What is the Public Domain?**

A: Public Domain is defined as works where copyright has expired - the creator has been deceased for over 50 years (*Life Plus 50* rule).

**Q: Are there classical literary works that are free of copyright?**

A: Yes, there are many classical works in the Public Domain. Project Gutenberg is an example of a project that has digitized thousands of classical literary works.

**Q: If a resource is "out of print", does that mean it is also free of copyright?**

A: No, Copyright still applies to out of print materials unless it is in the Public Domain.

**Q: Are Open Access materials free of copyright?**

A: No, open access does not mean copyright free. There are varying degrees of open access so it is best to always check with the journal's web site. The University Library has an excellent Open Access guide available at [http://libguides.usask.ca/open\\_access](http://libguides.usask.ca/open_access)

**Q: Can I photocopy an article and distribute it to my students in class?**

A: It is best practice to provide students with a link to the article beforehand and ask your students to print a personal copy. You can also display/project the article in your class for discussion. If you would like a copy of an article for inclusion in a coursepack or to use as a course handout, contact the Bookstore (<http://www.usask.ca/bookstore/>).

**Q: If direct linking is not permitted, is there a work-around?**

A: Yes, you can link to a specific journal title either in the Catalogue or to the journal's availability (Find it!) page. If you link to the journal's Catalogue record, select the *Permanent link to this record* option, on the right side, to create a shorter URL.