



## **Copyright Information**

The Office of Legal Affairs of the University System of Georgia has updated the information on its website about copyright. The previous 'guidelines' are now a 'policy.'

A task force appointed by the Regents' Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL), in support of the Office of Legal Affairs and the Board of Regents' new policy, made the following recommendations:

1. USG libraries should display the link to the Office of Legal Affairs/copyright website.

The address for the Office of Legal Affairs is: <http://www.usg.edu/legal/>

There are two links which discuss policies and regulations about copyright. They are, "Copyright and Fair Use" and "The TEACH Act."

- a. "Copyright and Fair Use" is broken down into 5 blocks of information.

Copyright Policy

Copyright Generally

The Fair Use Exception

Introduction to the Fair Use Checklist

Fair Use Checklist

Additional Guidelines for Electronic Reserves

Additional Resources

- b. The TEACH Act is the Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act which was enacted in November 2002 as an amendment to the Copyright Act of 1976. Found in section 110(2) of the Act, it covers distance education as well as face to face teaching which has an online, web enhanced, transmitted or broadcast component.

2. Instructors should link to articles in licensed databases whenever possible.

Instructors are in much safer territory when they embed links to works (periodical articles, books or chapters in books, dramatic or musical recordings) from licensed databases, e.g., GALILEO.

3. Instructors are responsible for completing a fair use analysis, using the Fair Use Checklist, for all copyrighted materials including, but not limited to, items for electronic reserves and course management systems (GaVIEW VISTA) or web pages.

The Office of Legal Affairs and the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries strongly urge all instructors to read over the Copyright and Fair Use website. They also require that all instructors who anticipate using works or parts of works, whether print or electronic, complete the Fair Use Checklist when trying to determine the Fair Use Exception.

Take the time to read over The TEACH Act, especially if you teach online via course management systems (GaVIEW VISTA) or place links to articles on your web page.

**For a more in-depth explanation about creating persistent links to articles in licensed databases when linking to items from course management systems (GaVIEW Vista) or webpages, visit this link at Georgia State University.**

< <http://www.library.gsu.edu/pages/sub.asp?ldID=130&guideID=0&subID=290> >