



Copyright Policy

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It is the intent of the Sharon Springs Free Library to adhere to the provisions of the U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17). All parties, including patrons and staff, are prohibited from copying or transmitting materials not specifically allowed by fair use, copyright law, licenses or contractual agreement or permission. The following notice shall be placed on or near all equipment capable of duplication or transmission of copyrighted material, including copy and Fax machines, computers, as well as in a public area.

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the duplication, retention and transmission and use of copyrighted material.

This includes web pages, DVDs, videocassettes, CDs, audiocassettes, and CD ROMs.

Criminal copyright infringement is investigated by the FBI and may constitute a felony with a maximum of up to five years in prison and/or \$2,500 fine.

Any patron borrowing material is responsible for compliance with the law and anyone who willfully disregards the copyright policy is in violation and assumes all responsibility.

Persons who secure permission, licenses or other contractual agreements shall maintain adequate records regarding the use of the copyrighted material and are required to furnish a copy of this agreement to the Library staff if equipment owned by the Library is used for the purpose of duplication/transmission.