

## ARTICLE 10: COPYRIGHT POLICY

The Leon Valley Public Library complies with federal copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code) ([Attachment 4](#)). It is the intent of this law to protect the rights of copyright owners from unauthorized reproduction of their works. This includes works that have been fixed in any format, including print, audio, video, and computer file, whether or not they have been published.

### 10.01 FAIR USE

However, the law also recognizes the public benefit of allowing citizens to do limited copying from copyrighted works for educational purposes. Under the precepts of fair use (section 107), library patrons may copy or print parts of copyrighted works for one-time, educational, non-profit activities. Copying that would replace or infringe upon a commercial sale of a copyrighted work (such as copying a work in its entirety, copying something for repeated use, or making exceedingly numerous copies of the same item) is forbidden. In such cases, library patrons should seek permission from the copyright owner before proceeding.

### 10.02 STAFF PRACTICES

In the course of their work, library staff seek to adhere to the tenets of Title 17 and will not knowingly fulfill patron requests that constitute violations of copyright law. Any Patron who disagrees with the library staff's assessment may fill out a Fair Use Request ([Attachment 22](#)).

For detailed guidelines about federal copyright law and how it pertains to library use and practices, see the American Library Association fact sheet on "Video and Copyright." ([Attachment 25](#))