Understanding Copyright

Goal
Participants will be introduced to the legal and ethical use of digital resources.

Objectives
Participants will:
- Identify and locate "Rights and Restrictions" statements for Library collections
- Locate information about fair use

Time
45 minutes

Materials
- Film, Video “Copyright Rights & Responsibilities”
- Web Site: http://www.loc.gov/teachers/usingprimarysources/copyright.html

Preparation
Have the following materials ready before the activity:
- Flip chart paper and marker

Procedure
1. Begin the activity by inviting participants to share their understandings, questions and concerns about copyright and fair use. Record the comments on the flip chart paper

2. View the video, “Copyright Rights & Responsibilities”

3. Ask participants if the video answers any of the questions. What other questions does it raise?

4. Have participants practice finding online copyright information for one or more additional collections as time permits.

5. Demonstrate how to find copyright information for a selected primary source.

6. Have participants practice finding copyright information for one or more additional primary sources at the Library of Congress Website.

Participant Discussion
Review the list of questions generated at the start of the activity. Discuss where participants could go to learn answers.