



eBook Copyright Resolution

Illinois Heartland Library System RESOLUTION No. 2017 -- 02

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT LIBRARY EBOOK COPYRIGHT REFORM

WHEREAS, the purpose of copyright law as stated in the Constitution is to encourage the expansion of knowledge for the public good; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution empowers Congress to achieve this purpose specifically by maintaining a balance between granting exclusive rights to creators and placing limitations on those rights; and

WHEREAS, libraries, the public good, and the law's purpose are adversely affected by the current Act, in light of its silence on modern digital formats and the issues raised by the move to licensing; and

WHEREAS, the issues and challenges presented by the Copyright Office cannot be adequately addressed simply by amending Section 108; and

WHEREAS, the Library of Congress has initiated a Notice of Inquiry seeking public input regarding whether and how Section 108, the "library and archives exceptions," should be amended to accommodate modern technology; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution directs Congress to maintain a balance between the exclusive rights granted to copyright holders and limitations on those rights; and

WHEREAS, this balance has been lost in the context of licensing e-publications.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Illinois Heartland Library System calls on the Library of Congress to reestablish the balance between rights granted to creators and limitations on those rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Library of Congress ensure that libraries are fully represented in discussions about reforming copyright law.

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM,
OF MADISON COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 25 DAY OF May, 2017.

Sandra West
President, Illinois Heartland Library Board

(ATTEST)

__Sara Zumwalt_____
Secretary