Copyright Office Modernization
Continuous Development Quick Facts
March 2023

*To better align with the U.S. Copyright Office's 2022–2026 **Strategic Plan**, the Office has changed the name of this document to Copyright Office Continuous Development Quick Facts.*

Enterprise Copyright System (ECS) Development

Registration

- Development continues to build out functionality of a reimagined Standard Application form, which most claimants use, including upgrades to the user interface for applicants in response to feedback from user testing.

- Development also continues on components that will be included in the internal, staff-facing part of the system.

- The registration team demonstrated the in-development elements of both the public-and staff-facing parts of the system during the Copyright Public Modernization Committee meeting on March 2, 2023.

Recordation

- The online recordation system has successfully recorded 13,816 documents and 611,705 works into the public catalog since the pilot program began in April 2020.

- The next release of the recordation module, planned for spring 2023, will include upgrades to internal staff document review components. This work is required to start development of the submission and review of section 203 notices of termination.

Licensing

- The licensing team is working toward a second internal-facing release, which will add additional functionality, including the ability to implement advanced filters, bug fixes, and fiscal integration with the Library's Momentum financial system.

Copyright Public Records System

- In February 2023, the Office added PDF certificates for certain registration and recordation records, which can be found as links in the detailed record view.

- In December 2022, the Office released card catalog registration application records from 1938 to 1945 to the public, totaling over 430,000 registrations.

Additional Modernization Actions

Service Request Processing

- The Office is preparing to release improved records research services, specifically automated copy request and fulfillment of services for registrations, recordations, additional certificates, and double certified certificates, to a limited set of public users prior toa full release in the future.

Contact Center

- Development work on the new cloud-based Copyright Contact Center continued with an anticipated first release this spring. The project will provide a best-in-class integrated solution in support of providing copyright information to the public efficiently and effectively and improve user experience for both the public and for Copyright Office staff.

Historical Public Records

- Through spring 2023, the Historical Public Records team has digitized over 6,894 volumes of the more than 26,000 copyright record books. These record books contain over 26 million pages of records from 1870 through 1977. There are now 6,200 record books available online for public access on the Library's **Copyright Historical Record Books webpage**.

More Events and Activities

- The Copyright Office is hosting monthly webinars focusing on the new Recordation System. Upcoming webinars are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. eastern time on March 30, May 25, and July 27, 2023.

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