



United States Copyright Office

Congress updated the law to centralize copyright activities, including registration and deposit, in the Library of Congress in 1870. Today, the Office's records make up the world's largest collection of information about copyright-protected works and copyright ownership—an unparalleled record of American cultural heritage.

The Office administers the provisions of copyright law for the benefit of copyright owners and users. In doing so, it generates and sustains a public record of American creativity and achievement. The Office registers nearly half a million copyright claims each year and records thousands of copyright transfer documents containing the titles of hundreds of thousands of copyright-protected works. Recorded documents often reflect popular and economically valuable intellectual property.



The Office also provides critical law and policy services, analyzing and reporting on important copyright matters, and it is the principal advisor to Congress on national and international copyright issues.

The Office's Copyright Claims Board (CCB) is a virtual tribunal providing a voluntary, streamlined alternative to federal court for resolving copyright disputes involving small claims up to \$30,000. It provides a quicker, cheaper, and more efficient process, accessible to anyone with or without a lawyer. The CCB handles copyright infringement claims, non-infringement declarations, and misrepresentation claims under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

Additionally, the Office provides outreach and education services to the public through events, webinars, videos, informational materials, and the Public Information Office.

By the Numbers

Registration

415,780
total registrations

169,098
literary registrations

166,822
performing arts registrations

79,712
visual arts registrations

2.5 months
registration processing time

Recordation

12,310
recorded documents

5,704,306
recorded titles

Materials Transferred to the Library of Congress

503,389
works transferred

\$57,834,339
value of works transferred

Public Engagement

247,484
information services

190
outreach events

198,000
blog subscribers

8.1 million
website visits

Historical Public Records (cumulative)

18.6 million
historical public record pages online

4.1 million
card catalog records online

Financial Highlights

\$40,171,514
fee receipts and interest

\$1.76 billion
fiduciary assets held

Copyright Claims Board (cumulative)

1,525
claims received



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Facts at a Glance