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Audiovisual Materials Purchasing Policy

The Vermont Law School Library purchases audiovisual materials for its collections, including the course reserve collection.

Any public performance of audiovisual materials borrowed from the Vermont Law School Library must be authorized in advance by the Vermont Law School Deans' Office. The Vermont Law School Deans' Office oversees campus copyright compliance; including public performance rights.

The Vermont Law School Library adheres to the [American Library Association guidelines for audiovisual materials](#)¹.

... When libraries purchase a videocassette or a DVD, or make a video file accessible to patrons for a specific rental period, they purchase the physical object as distinct from purchasing the copyright to the content. ... Libraries may loan/rent videos, in whatever available format, to patrons for their personal use. This is true even if the video is labeled "For Home Use Only."

... Classroom use of a copyrighted video is permissible only when all of the following conditions are met:

- *The performance must be by instructors or by pupils.*
- *The performance is in connection with face-to-face teaching activities.*
- *The entire audience is involved in the teaching activity.*
- *The entire audience is in the same room or same general area.*
- *The teaching activities are conducted by a non-profit education institution.*
- *The performance takes place in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction.*
- *The person responsible for the performance has no reason to believe that the videotape was unlawfully made.*

Since the library does not use audiovisual materials outside of the above legally prescribed uses for standard copies, the library will purchase standard copies (individual / home use only) rather than institutional copies, unless an institutional copy would be applicable in a particular instance.

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¹ "ALA Library Fact Sheet 7 - Video and Copyright," American Library Association, September 26, 2006. <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/library/libraryfactsheet/alalibraryfactsheet7.cfm> (Accessed July 13, 2009) Document ID: 201600