

Policy Name:	<b>Copyright and Intellectual Property</b>	Policy #:	<b>C5</b>
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## Purpose

To outline the Port Moody Public Library's (hereafter PMPL) role and position related to applicable Copyright and Intellectual Property legislation.

## Policy Statement

### Introduction

PMPL seeks to advocate for, inform, and support the intellectual property rights of the creator as outlined within Canadian legislation while balancing the social benefit and educational value of fair use.

### Copyright Law Primer

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