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Understanding Copyright and Transformative Fair Use

This interactive workshop will outline the basics of copyright and fair use, emphasizing the notion of transformative fair use as highlighted in recent court decisions. The majority of the session will be devoted to real-life scenarios in which members of the audience will be asked to analyze examples related to texts, images, video, and sound recordings and determine whether the proposed use is fair. Alternatives when fair use does not apply will also be covered.

This workshop is based on the three speakers' final project for their Certification in Intellectual Property Management and Leadership in 2013, a LibGuide which is located at http://uri.libguides.com/fairuse. We have presented the workshop before at URI during multiple "Search Savvy Seminars" entitled "Copyright, Fair Use, and Education: Your Rights as a Student, Faculty Member, and Researcher." The interactive element worked really well, and allowed people to practice doing a fair use analysis themselves and then share it back with the group.