

# REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON THE COPYRIGHT ECOSYSTEM

## INTRODUCTION

During the upcoming 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR), an Information Session on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Copyright Ecosystem will take place. In order to provide a clear overview of the “impact on the cultural, creative and educational ecosystem, including copyright, related rights, and limitations and exceptions”, the Secretariat kindly invites Member States and Observers to share existing examples of situations that arose and actions that were taken and/or interventions that were made during the Covid-19 pandemic with respect to the industries or institutions that are being considered in the Information Session. We ask you to describe these situations or actions by providing the information requested below. If you are able to give us some elements of your response before March 15, it could help our researchers who are preparing the overview. In addition, all contributions received by the eve of the Information Session will be uploaded (with your permission) onto the WIPO web site.

Please send this form by email to the following address: [copyright.mail@wipo.int](mailto:copyright.mail@wipo.int) with the subject: “Information Session”.

## INFORMATION REQUEST

1. Full name of the entity or individual submitting the response.  
Sara Benson, Copyright Librarian, University of Illinois
2. Contact person with email address and telephone number for questions or clarifications about the submission.  
Sara Benson, [srbenson@illinois.edu](mailto:srbenson@illinois.edu)
3. Would you accept having your response made public (e.g. posted on the WIPO website)?  
 Yes  
 No
4. Do you accept having the information contained in your responses mentioned in studies and presentations for the Information Session?  
 Yes  
 No
5. **Brief** description of example, measures or interventions that took place (up to 200 words).  
*(Explanation: Please briefly explain the situation and why it is of interest for the Information Session. Examples could include policies put in place or other measures aimed at increasing the resilience of an industry or institution, or to assist the people they serve.)*

We engaged heavily with the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service (ETAS), where patrons from our library could access almost 50% of our holdings through digital lending on a one-to-one basis with technical control measures in place (controlled digital lending).

6. Territory where it took place (continent, country, and city or region).  
United States, Champaign, IL

7. Relevant sector or sectors.  
Educational and Research, [Choose an item.](#), [Choose an item.](#)

7.1 Additional observation or sector not listed above:  
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8. Please provide the key lessons from this example.  
The pandemic made controlled digital lending even more important as patrons could not physically enter the library.

9. Please provide links to relevant documents or other sources that could provide further information about this example.  
[Link to: University Library, Electronic resources](#)

10. Please provide any additional comment you might have.  
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