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FAIR USE WEEK 2018

Later this month, Harvard will participate in the fifth annual Fair Use Week (Feb 26–Mar 2). This is an opportunity for the University community to celebrate the Fair Use doctrine, which, according to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), “facilitate[s] balance in copyright law, promoting further progress and accommodating freedom of speech and expression.” The fair use of images, text, and more in scholarly work is essential, from student dissertations to faculty publications, MOOCs, and more. Fair Use Week launched in 2014 when Kyle K. Courtney, the Office for Scholarly Communication’s (OSC) Program Manager and Copyright Advisor, turned the idea suggested at a conference into a noteworthy nationwide event. It now enjoys the sponsorship of the ARL and is celebrated internationally.

We invite you to explore the Harvard-based Fair Use Week festivities and read guest posts on the OSC’s copyright blog, all of which can be accessed via the OSC’s Fair Use Week webpage: bit.ly/fairuseweek18.

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