**Virtual Programming and Copyright**

**Suggestions from NEKLS**

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Many publishers have given widespread, temporary permission to use their materials for online events. Most all permissions expire between June 15 and June 30.

School Library Journal has published a [COVID-19 Publisher Information Directory](https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=publisher-information-directory-copyright-storytime-social-media-permissions-covid-19). This gives you the guidelines you need to follow for each publisher to ensure that you are complying with the permissible use restrictions.

It’s best to keep a log of all books you feature in online programming.

* keep track of the titles read
* date posted
* platform used

If you have recorded your program, plan to return and delete your post/video within 2 to 3 weeks. Be sure to do this by the time your blanket permissions will expire.

Keep your log for future reference.

For an overview of this situation, see this [SLJ story](https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=publishers-adapt-policies-to-help-educators-coronavirus-covid19).

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