The Constitutional purpose of copyright is to foster "the Progress of Science and the useful Arts." The unbalanced view of copyright is at stake because the interests of copyright holders and commercial actors are not aligned with the core academic mission of the academy.

Three Academic Freedoms

1. Freedom to Research is at Stake
   - Researchers need access to all information, not just that which is commercially available.
   - Freedom to research is threatened by locked resources, expiration of access, and digital locks.

2. Freedom to Teach & Learn is at Stake
   - Libraries and educators need access to all works.
   - Freedom to teach and learn is threatened by commercialized pedagogy and control over course materials.

3. Freedom to Publish is at Stake
   - Libraries and researchers need to collect and preserve works.
   - Freedom to publish is threatened by reserve policies and perpetual copyright.

Libraries Are Champions for Academic Freedom and Balanced Copyright

Libraries help researchers and their partners on campus find and make use of the scholarly work that is necessary to their mission.

Ways To Maintain A Balanced Copyright Ecosystem

1. Seek out copyright information from neutral sources.
2. Be wary of commercial entities offering to replace the library's services.
3. Make sure copyright information is easy to find.
4. Help libraries and their partners in the academy at heart, and offer licensing products and web-based methods of scholarship, providing access to the information required to conduct research, teach, and learn.

Help improve copyright. Libraries are on the front lines of their copyright-savvy staff. Libraries need to be aware of the threats to research, teaching, and publishing, and need to be able to stand up for academic freedom in court.

The Freedom to Research is at Stake

- Commercial actors are increasingly claiming to have the interests of "education" that purport to assist scholars, faculty, and librarians in their work. This unbalanced view is not safe.
- This unbalanced view is not safe because commercial actors are not acting with the core academic mission.
- The Freedom to Research is at stake because the interests of copyright holders and the commercial actors exist to maximize their profits, and do not "promote the Progress of Science and the useful Arts."