Digital preservation activities can contravene copyright laws.

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“delightful absurdities”
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Changes to copyright law

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The government is making a series of small but important changes to copyright law to make it better suited for the digital age.
Advocacy Efforts

- IFLA: International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
- COAR: Confederation of Open Access Repositories
- SPARC
- LibraryCopyright Alliance
Platform to Enhance the Sustainability of the Information Society Transglobally (PERSIST)

http://ow.ly/ywZRt
“... perhaps the best we can hope for is strength in numbers.”

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Academic Librarians Could Be Better Lobbyists | From the Bell Tower

By Steven Bell on May 17, 2012

Some academic librarians are incredibly enthusiastic about lobbying for library funding and legislative causes. Just not enough of them. We all need to take this seriously.

It’s easy to be cynical about politics. Just look at the lack of progress and legislative gridlock in Washington, D.C. The inability of our national leaders to accomplish anything of much value or substance is enough to make anyone lose their faith in government. The vast funds our representatives take from special interest groups further erodes our belief in the power of the people to advocate for real change. Yet that is exactly what National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) asks us to do. It’s the one day of the year the American Library Association brings librarians together, from across the country and professional sectors, to make our voices heard. While libraryland is hardly powerless, compared to publishers, for-profit higher education, or any industry backed by big money, we are pretty much the 90-pound weakling getting sand kicked in our faces. Despite that, by getting organized and working with associations who share our concerns, sometimes we can have a positive impact.
Conclusion

• The library voice represents user communities.
• But not all libraries can equally take on advocacy activities.
• Important to take an active, interventionist role.
• Collaboration more important than ever.

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