

## **Information on Obtaining Public Performance Rights to Show Films on Campus**

Showing a film to your class, in your classroom, is permitted according to the Teach Act so long as you are present in the room where the film is being shown. You may not however, invite other students to view the film or publicize it around campus without receiving permission to show the film publicly by the copyright holder; that is unless the film is in the public domain.

Generally, copyright holders are assessing a \$200 fee per showing on college campuses as there's no admission fee and the target audience is our students. Recently, in discussion with the copyright holder of a film a professor was able to reduce the fee to \$125 (pleading we're a community college and that primarily students would attend the showing). A copy of the permission letter needs to be forwarded to Barbara Smith in the events office E214 to keep on file with the reservation.

While initially the Library was able to pay the copyright fees for film showings on campus, this is no longer the case. The Library can create the purchase requisition for you but you must supply your Org and Program Code. Some vendors are requiring these fees up front when we purchase the DVD for the collection. The Library maintains a list of these films.

To request the Library obtain a copy of a film for exhibition and arrange for exhibition rights, please provide the following information in an email:

1. Title of the film (with more info if there's more than one work or version of the film with that same title)
2. Date and place of the film showing (e.g. Forum)
3. Audience description and number of people you estimate will see the film
4. Whether related to coursework (specific class), club, festival, etc.

Please allow for at least two weeks to process your request before the viewing date. For non-US films, the lead time to receive a response is longer.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact:

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