

Library License

March Update, 2013

We are working diligently in preparation of our upcoming Library License workshop on Friday, April 5th, 12 – 4:30.

As the invitations state:

Dear _____:

On behalf of the The Harvard [Library Innovation Lab](#) and the Berkman Center for Internet & Society, I hope you can join us for a workshop on the [Library License Project](#). The meeting will take place from approximately 12 PM - 4:30 PM on Friday, April 5th in the Berkman Center conference room on the second floor of 23 Everett Street. For those who may not be able to attend in person, we invite you to participate remotely via conference call. A light lunch will be available at 12 PM and we look forward to beginning promptly at 12:30 PM.

The Library License is an agreement between an author and her/his publisher that after a work has passed a specified threshold - for example, when sales have dropped below a certain level, a substantially new edition has come out, or a certain number of years have passed - every public and school library will be allowed to distribute one electronic copy of that work through the library's usual digital distribution system.

During this small, invitation-only event, we look forward to sharing the draft license language and beta website with you and to hearing your feedback on its form, use, and potential. We also hope to engage with key questions regarding potential next steps, including outreach, audience, potential barriers, and implementation.

Best regards,
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Response has been great, we'll have Jason Schultz, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law; Co-Director, Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic and Jennifer Urban, Assistant Clinical Professor of Law; Co-Director, Samuelson Law, Technology & Public Policy Clinic both in person from Berkeley Law School. Also, Diane Peters, General Counsel, Creative Commons (phone or person TBD), John Palfrey, Stuart Shieber and others.

New explanatory video, website and report from meeting all to come. Stay Tuned!

Jeff Goldenson