

# China's "985" library Copyright Policy Survey

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## Abstract:

The University library is fully committed to continuing its support for teaching, research and private study in the university. The academic library is a resource for the provision of information and scholarly literature in a variety of formats for the benefit of the University community. by organizing and Participating CALIS Electronic Resources Group Purchasing, the scale electronic collection have been formed in the majority of China's 985 universities Since1998.

Keeping balance is one of the functions of academic library, and library bears dual functions that the implementation and maintenance of the copyright law and meet the public demand for knowledge and information. The library copyright policy is a declaration for library to show the fact that library respect the copyright and intellectual property, and also is a necessary behavior guide for readers to appropriate use the library resources and services, to avoid breaking, or infringing the intellectual property and copyright laws.

With the continuous growth of electronic resources and the extensive application of information technology, the copyright issues become more complex in digital era. Library must face the challenge and should assume various responsibility and obligation in the collections development and management, and the service providing. It is an important duty for library to actively monitor the evolving digital copyright policies and guidelines and will modify its policies, procedures, and guidelines as necessary in the digital age.

The library should focus on the following objectives and duties in the formulation and implementation of copyright policies in order to effectively deal with complex copyright issues: legal obligations, informing, education, guiding, reminding and warning. With its architecture and content composition, although no uniform standard, the copyright policy on electronic resources should generally contain the following principal terms and content: copyright policy name; policy purpose and legal basis; the type and range of electronic resources; definition and scope of authorized users; fair use, including usage rights and limitations on use; prohibited irregularities generally and its judgment criteria; legal consequences of violations; penalties ; the right to appeal of users; disclaimer etc.

This paper investigates and analyzes the copyright policies on electronic resources in China's "985" University Libraries. The investigation focuses on the visibility and accessibility, the structure and content of the copyright policy. Further, it puts some suggestions for improvement.