## **Intellectual Property Policy**

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To facilitate reusing this content, the District eschews the "all rights reserved" model of copyright. Instead, the District supports using more permissive copyright models that encourage creativity while allowing copyright holders to reserve some rights.

For these reasons, all content created by District staff or its Board of Directors in the course of their work for the District shall be licensed under the current version of the Creative Commons Attribution license (CC BY). Details of this license are available at http://creativecommons.org. This license allows people to do the following with District works:

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- Make commercial use of the works.

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## Exceptions

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- The District's logo;
- Third-party material that is being used under fair use or with permission (such as material from third-party electronic resources);
- Any photographs where patrons, staff, or Board members are easily identifiable.

Waivers of this policy may be approved by the Library Director, and at the sole discretion of the Library Director. In no way does this policy affect the status of works, their status as public records, or any of their elements that are in the public domain, nor does the policy affect people's fair use rights or other applicable copyright exceptions and limitations.

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