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There are many valuable resources available free of cost for which permission to copy is not required. These resources may be used to complement the curriculum in an interesting, timely, and cost-efficient way. Teachers are urged to utilize these options to the fullest. For example, teachers may tape certain copyrighted television and radio programs at the time they are aired, without charge. Also, teachers may access educational programming and video resources without cost through the Nova Scotia Department of Education's Media Library and the federal government's initiative, Cable in the Classroom (CITC). However, teachers may still have concerns about copyright and should be aware of what is permitted.

■ Media Library Resources

Free of charge, teachers may obtain a copy of a videotape from the Nova Scotia Department of Education's Media Library collection. The Media Library maintains a collection of over 4,000 videotape titles directly related to the school curriculum in all subject areas. While the copies are available from the library free of charge, schools are required to supply a blank videotape or purchase one from the library at nominal cost.

The Media Library also maintains a collection of 2,000 videotape titles available for loan, e.g., *Hamlet*, *Discover the World: All About Maps*, *Yes I Can! Building Self Confidence*, and *CBC News in Review*. These materials are available for loan only; copying is not permitted. To find out what videotapes are available for loan or copying, visit <<http://lrt.ednet.ns.ca>>.

■ Television and Radio

Free of charge, teachers may tape Cable in the Classroom (CITC) programs. CITC is a federal government initiative offering free copyright-cleared, commercial-free, educational programming to Canadian public schools, e.g., *Street Cents* and *You...Me and The Kids*. CITC programs can be copied from home or other facilities for use in the classroom. Lesson plans and additional information on programs can be found at <<http://www.cablededucation.ca>>.

Teachers may also tape news and news commentary programs, excluding documentaries (under certain conditions), free of charge. A single copy may be made at the time the program is aired to use on school premises for educational purposes. The copy can be made and shown any number of times, up to one year from the date the copy is made. Please note that if the taped item is kept more than one year, it is subject to royalties, whether it is shown or not. To avoid paying royalties, it is important to erase programs that will not be used.

In addition, teachers may tape free of charge other programs for examination use only, and keep them up to 30 days. Please note, these copies are for teacher use only, not for showing to students. Television and radio programs (excluding news and news commentary programs) can be

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taped to determine their suitability for class use, and kept for up to 30 days, e.g., *The Nature of Things*; *Fifth Estate*; and *Bill Nye, the Science Guy*. The copy must be made at the time the program is aired. After either 30 days evaluation or use of the copy in an educational setting, different rules apply and programs may be subject to royalties whether shown for educational purposes or not (except for programs for which permission has been given e.g. CITC, Education Media Library).

Teachers or schools must pay for all other taped television and radio programs that are shown in an educational setting. If any taped television or radio programs are shown for educational purposes, royalties must be paid (this excludes news and news commentary programs less than one year old; CITC; and other taped programs for teacher review less than 30 days old). Royalty rates are yet to be determined by the Canadian Copyright Board.

If you have questions about this information, please contact

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