Advocacy and Public Policy

International Issues, Canada, Net Neutrality, and Surveillance

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Marrakesh Treaty

• Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for the Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled
  • 8 current ratifications
  • United States efforts
  • Canadian efforts
Other International Issues

- World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)
  - Standing Committee on Copyright and Related Rights (SCCR): Library Treaty and Higher Education Treaty
  - Intergovernmental Committee (IGC): Traditional Knowledge, Traditional Cultural Expression and Genetic Resources

- Trade Agreements
  - Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement
  - Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
More Copyright!

- Fair Use/Fair Dealing Week (www.fairuseweek.org)

- Canada
  - Copyright term
  - Access Copyright v. York & Copibec v. Laval
Net Neutrality Timeline

• Timeline
  – Jan 2014: D.C. Circuit Strikes Down FCC Order
  – May 2014: FCC issues notice of proposed rulemaking
  – July 2014: ARL submits comments with 11 other higher education and library associations
  – Sept 2014: Coalition submits reply comments
  – Feb 2015: FCC adopts Open Internet Order
Net Neutrality: FCC Order

• FCC Order
  – Key Features
    • Prohibits blocking, throttling, paid prioritization
    • Avoids “commercially reasonable” standards
    • Recognizes importance of libraries/higher ed

• Lawsuits filed by 4 telecom associations and 2 companies

• Next Steps
Surveillance Issues

• USA PATRIOT Act
  – Section 215, the “library records” or “business records” provision will sunset on June 1, 2015
  – Senator McConnell introduced reauthorization bill (April 21, 2015)

• USA FREEDOM Act
  – Reintroduced on April 28, 2015
  – Compromise between House and Senate versions
Privacy

• Electronic Communications Privacy Act Reform
  – 261 co-sponsors currently in House (272 in last Congress)
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