

To: NMSU Community
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Subject: Annual Copyright Infringement Reminder

Welcome back, we hope that you had a great summer break and a special welcome to those of you who are new to NMSU.

Annually, NMSU is required by law to remind the community about copyright infringement.

During the Fall semester, some the NMSU community, especially those new to NMSU take advantage of "free music and movie" download services, but then find themselves faced with potential copyright fines and penalties. NMSU takes the illegal downloading of copyrighted material seriously, and so does the federal government. In fact, anyone found to have infringed on a copyrighted work through illegal downloading may be liable for statutory damages of up to \$30,000 for each work infringed and, if willful infringement is proven by the copyright owner, that amount may be increased to up to \$150,000 for each work infringed. The damages don't include liability for the attorney's fees incurred by the copyright owner to enforce his or her rights.

Be smart, don't download copyrighted material without the legal right to do so. For more information on copyright and what happens if NMSU discovers you are illegally downloading copyrighted material visit, <http://nmsu.libguides.com/content.php?pid=60019&sid=662811> .

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me at norma@nmsu.edu.

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