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After a long struggle, students and academic staff won important fair dealing rights, meaning when it is fair to do so, you can use portions of a copyrighted work — such as a book chapter, journal article or video excerpt - without permission or payment. Fair dealing is part of a broader movement to make educational resources more available, including free open access journals, free open education textbooks, and cost-saving site licenses with individual publishers.

Fair dealing, and the move to open access materials more generally, is now under attack from corporate publishing interests.

Why is fair dealing under attack?

Rather than admit that predatory prices and structural changes in the industry are driving their customers away, corporate publishing cartels prefer to blame fair dealing for their troubles — and are demanding the education sector subsidize their profits by paying outrageous sums for material that is available free or at greatly reduced rates elsewhere.

What now?

The corporate publishing industry is working hard to have fair dealing overturned. It's time for the education community to push back.





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