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1 START WITH LEGAL SOURCES

Finding legal copies of materials is important. You can't make use of a copyright act exception, if you are using a copy of a work that has been stolen/pirated from its creator. When in doubt, go directly to the source of the content, such as the creator or copyright owner's website.

2 USE COPYRIGHT EXCEPTIONS

The Copyright Act provides exceptions for the use of copyright protected works without permission. One exception in particular, the non-commercial user generated content exception, may be useful when creating mash-ups of your work with others.

Further guidance is available on the Non-Commercial User Generated Content exception is available: https://bit.ly/2lAnikG

3 MAKE USE OF OPEN MATERIALS

Open materials have licenses that allow for their use without permission. One of the most common open licenses is Creative Commons. You can find Creative Commons licensed materials across the web.
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4. CREDIT YOUR SOURCES

In order to respect the original creator it is always important to credit them. The Library has a guide on citing sources available at:
https://uwaterloo.ca/library/find-and-use-resources/citing-sources

5. ASK QUESTIONS

If you have questions, ask! Send your questions to copyright@uwaterloo.ca.

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