World Intellectual Property Day Display

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Display Description

World Intellectual Property Day was established to raise awareness of the ways in which copyright, designs, patents, and trademarks influence daily life. It is an annual celebration of creativity as well as a celebration of the contributions of creators and innovators to the development of societies across the globe.

This year, the theme of World Intellectual Property Day is: Movies – a Global Passion. Cooper Library will celebrate World Intellectual Property Day with a presentation titled ‘3 Minute Limit: Brief Talks on Intellectual Property Rights and Multimedia,’ to be held in the Brown Room on Wednesday, April 23rd at 1pm and 2pm.

With this in mind, a display of items has been set up on top of the TAPS bookshelf on the west side of Cooper Library’s 4th floor; the content of the display ranges from copyright and intellectual property to modern film and cinematic history. The display will remain up throughout the rest of April and as always, every item on display is available for checkout at the Circulation Desk in Cooper Library.

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