

INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORIES AND COPYRIGHT LAW ISSUES IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the Nigerian copyright law issues from the perspectives of patients' rights to ownership of intellectual property. This is also examined from the perspectives of general library practice all over the world and how it affects institutional repository. The paper proves that copyright allows institutional repository the right to store, view and photocopy. Institutional repository is a form of collating local content produced in an institution and organized electrically into a database. This database is continually upgraded as new publications come. It is then made accessible both to the immediate community, as well as the larger world. The benefits include promoting the institutional research works, and the authors. It also serves as a means of research grants to individuals and institution.

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