

U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



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George Thuronyi is the interim head of the Office of Public Information and Education (PIE) at the United States Copyright Office. He was appointed to the position effective July 27, 2021.

In his position, Thuronyi oversees PIE as it provides authoritative information about copyright law to the public by publishing comprehensive written and audiovisual materials, developing educational and informational programming, and responding to a wide variety of copyright and Copyright Office-related inquiries.

Thuronyi has been with the Copyright Office since 1999, always working to educate and communicate with the general public and the creative community. He has served in various roles as acting chief, assistant chief, recordation section head, and deputy director of PIE. Thuronyi was one of the agency's early webmasters, when the internet was a new way of reaching people. He designed new systems and the first search engine that gave users easy access to the millions of records in the copyright catalog.

Thuronyi started his career at the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. There, he was a writer-editor, publishing a book review magazine. He also wrote a book on the history of a volunteer equipment-repair program. He set up the NLS web presence and worked on Web-Braille, the world's first, full-text digital Braille distribution system.

Thuronyi is a graduate of the Library's Leadership Development Program. He has a bachelor of science in journalism from the University of Maryland, focusing on public relations and minoring in German.

ABOUT THE U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE

The United States Copyright Office administers the nation's copyright laws as set forth in the Copyright Act and provides impartial assistance to Congress, the courts, and executive branch agencies on questions of national and international copyright law and policy.