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Comment:

As a student I have had costs of materials very high when we take an extract of copyright material.

Worse is when the material copyright holder cannot be found or permission comes too late for the course schedule and the material is just dropped from study as the institution has to value "cover your ass" above education of students. The institution is the University of Minnesota and it applies to all academic areas.

Education is very valuable to society, without it, it is easy to fall to a secondary level on the scale of world power.

Crippling education for the sake of copyright benefits to individuals should be a careful decision made to make sure the society benefits and is not harmed.