

## U.S. COPYRIGHT OFFICE LEADERSHIP



### **George Thuronyi**

#### **Interim Head of the Office of Public Information and Education**

Register of Copyrights Shira Perlmutter today announced that George Thuronyi will serve as interim head of the Office of Public Information and Education at the United States Copyright Office, effective July 27, 2021. He will begin this role upon the departure of Associate Register of Copyrights and Director of Public Information and Education Catherine Zaller Rowland on July 26.

Thuronyi joined the Copyright Office in 1999 and has served in various roles as acting chief, assistant chief, recordation section head, and, most recently, as deputy director of the Office of Public Information and Education. He also has extensive experience with the Office's online presence, including serving as one of the Office's early webmasters and designing the earliest search engine to give users easy access to the millions of records in the copyright catalog.

*“George has extensive experience with the Office and its mission,” stated Perlmutter. “He has been instrumental in the success of the Office of Public Information and Education and will ably guide the Office as interim head.”*

Thuronyi started his career as a writer/editor at the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled, part of the Library of Congress. He wrote a book on the history of a volunteer equipment-repair program. He also set up the NLS web presence and worked on Web-Braille, the world's first full-text digital Braille distribution system. Thuronyi received a bachelor of science in journalism from the University of Maryland, focusing on public relations and minoring in German.

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## **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.