

# Saving Orphans, One VHS At A Time

*The Story of Section 108 at the  
University of Connecticut Libraries*

# We know or have heard of...

The faculty member



Who so love their VHS!

Every year, the faculty member would use their VHS, until....



UConn stopped supporting VHS

# Consequences

- No IT support for VHS machines or VHS tapes
- No new VHS machines
- Current machines not maintained and “forgotten”
- Only VHS machines, including an international player are in the library (...and if rumor is true in the basement of Oak Hall)

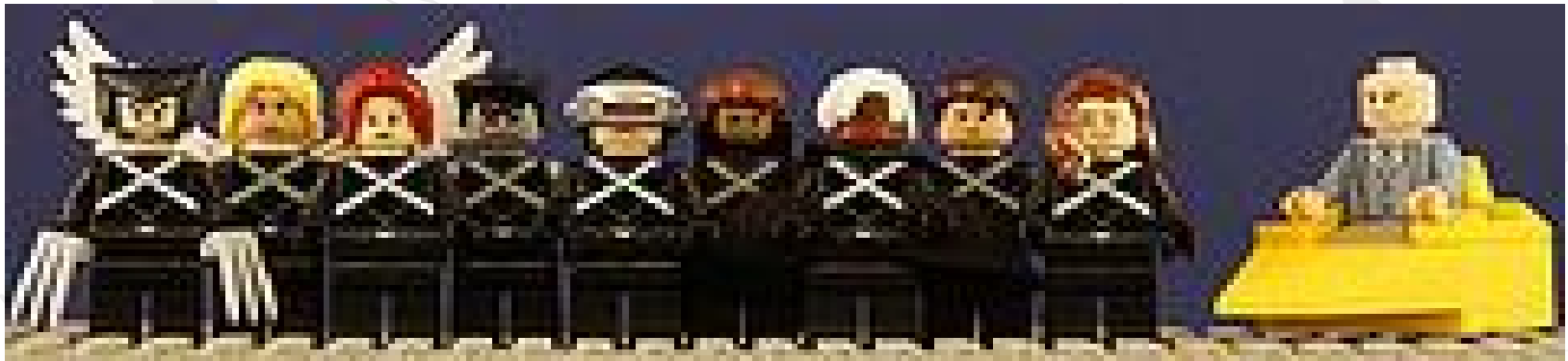
# Oh No!!

Some faculty find replacements. But there are VHS that have content that never made it to DVD and/or streaming

AND, these faculty find this content essential to their instruction.

# Operation Section 108

Our Course Reserve Coordinator proposes to use the orphan clause to help faculty when possible. She gathers a team of key people:



# Process

1. Course Reserves Coordinator identifies faculty member in need, VHS, and determines if VHS qualifies as an orphan work
2. If yes, VHS is sent to our Streaming Video Coordinator, who transfers content to DVD

3. VHS and DVD are sent to Cataloging
4. VHS is withdrawn and sent to our Archives and Special Collections for preservation
5. DVD is sent to end processing to receive a special jacket cover tailored for Section 108 and then sent to permanent reserve



# Once on Reserve

The new DVD can be used in classrooms by  
faculty

OR

Watched by students in the library.



# Thank You

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