

# Chapel Hill Public Library Internet Filtering Policy & CIPA Compliance

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# Children's Internet Protection Act (1999)

## Three Requirements

- Internet Safety Policy
- Technology Protection Measure
- Public Notice/Meeting

## National Debate

- 2001 ALA/ACLU lawsuit

## Local Debate

- 2017 Council consideration

# Federal Funding for Library Technology

- Library Services & Technology Act
- E-Rate
- Emergency Connectivity Fund
- SLNC Adapts

# CIPA Working Group 2022

- Identify shared values/interests
- Define filtering requirements
- Compare filtering products
- Conduct side-by-side testing



Intellectual Freedom  
Prohibit Pornography  
Funding for Technology

# Filtering Software Requirements

- Default to minimum filtering
- Clearly configurable
- Simple to quickly override
- Easy to administer
- Useful reports

# 10 identical searches for information related to health, wellbeing, and sexual identity

- Nudism videos
- "How do I know if I'm trans?"
- "I think I might be bi"
- "What do normal boobs look like?"



# Policy Details

- Filter on public computers only
- No filter on staff computers
- No filter on users' devices
- No filter on WiFi

# Policy Details

- Filter blocks Obscenity as defined by Miller v. California (1973)
- Filter blocks Child pornography as defined by 18 U.S.C. 2256
- Filter blocks “inappropriate matter” as defined locally

# Policy Details

- Public computers will have signage stating that a filter is in place
- Staff will immediately remove the filter upon request by an adult

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council approve 2022-06-08/R-12, authorizing the Town Manager to revise the library's Internet Use Policy and install an internet filtering device that restricts access to pornographic images on library-owned public computers.