

Chapel Hill Public Library Internet Use Policy and Internet Filtering

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Children's Internet Protection Act of 1999

Three Requirements

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

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Intellectual Freedom
Pornographic Images
Funding for Technology

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- Define Internet Filtering Requirements
- Compare filtering products
- Conduct side-by-side testing

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Filtering Software Requirements

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

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Conducted 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?"

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Policy Details

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

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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

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Policy Details

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

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Council authorize 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 computers.

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Discussion



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