

Jefferson County Public Library Library Internet Use and Safety Policy

Policy Statement

The Internet is a resource that enables Library patrons to connect to information beyond that contained in the Library print and audiovisual collections. Since it is impossible to monitor all resources, the Library staff does recommend interesting and useful Internet destinations consistent with the Library mission and Collection Development Guidelines.

The Jefferson County Public Library complies with Section 24-90-601 et seq. of the Colorado Revised Statutes which requires installation of filtering software for the protection and safety of minors (anyone under 17 years of age) on all public Internet access computers provided by the library. The statutes stipulate that:

1. Filtering software is intended to block sexually explicit images that lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value as to minors;
2. Filtering software may not be disabled at any time in the Children's Departments;
3. Adults may choose filtered or unfiltered Internet access;
4. Parents or guardians may allow a child (under 17 years of age) unfiltered access to the Internet
5. Minors have the right to view sites that provide scientific or medically accurate information regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse, incest, sexually transmitted diseases, or reproductive health

Filtering software is not perfect security against explicit pictures, and may also block some sites that would be appropriate for minors. As with other Library materials, the use of the Internet by a child (under 17 years of age) is ultimately the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian.

The Deputy County Librarian shall:

1. Develop rules and procedures to ensure fair and reasonable use of the Internet.
2. Monitor compliance with NCIPA safety requirements and other regulations.

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