



JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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What is filtered at JCPL

The filtering software used by the Jefferson County Public Library is designed to comply with Colorado statute, 24-90-601. The intent of the law is to protect individuals under age 17 from explicit sexual images on the Internet that are obscene, child pornography, or “harmful to minors.”

To that end JCPL uses the SmartFilter software to filter pornography. SmartFilter’s definition of pornography is:

Pornography

This category includes URLs that contain materials that are intended to be sexually arousing or erotic. This includes fetish pages, animation, cartoons, stories, and child pornography.

Sites that provide scientific or medically accurate information regarding sexual assault, sexual abuse, incest, sexually transmitted diseases, or reproductive health should not be blocked. Non-pornographic images of the bare human body such as classic sculpture, paintings, and artistic nude photographs should not be blocked.

If you feel that there are sites viewed during a filtered session that should have been blocked, or if you feel that a site has been blocked in error, please fill out the *Web Site Suggestion Form*. JCPL will review the site to determine if it fits into the above categories and either add or remove the block.

There are many other categories of material that other patrons or parents of small children might find offensive. However, as with other Library materials, the use of the Internet by a child is ultimately the sole responsibility of the parent or guardian. Parents or guardians who wish to limit or restrict a child’s access beyond what is filtered by law should personally oversee their child’s use of the Internet and other forms of information.

The Library provides a web page with age appropriate selected sites and monitors computers for appropriate use in the Children’s Departments. Chat rooms, e-mail, and other online communications are not permitted in the Children’s Department.