CIPA-Compliant Internet Access

The library’s Internet policy is fully compliant with the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as interpreted by the United State Supreme Court in June 2003 and the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (NCIPA).

The library uses Smart Access Manager (SAM) software to manage public Internet access. Because access is tied to the user’s age, all patrons are required to have a birth date entered into their library record.

INTERNET ACCESS LEVELS IN SAM

- **Basic-filter access** blocks access to Web sites with nudity or sexually explicit content.

- **Enhanced-filter access** blocks access to Web sites with nudity and sexually explicit content, as well as those with content that includes hate and discrimination, information on illegal activities, drugs, gambling, tasteless materials, email, social networking sites, and more.

- **Unfiltered access (Filter disabled)**

- **Blocked (No Internet access)**

Child pornography is blocked at all levels.

ACCESS CHOICES

- Patrons 16 years of age and younger who log-in to the Internet at the library are automatically restricted to **basic-filter access**. No one, including parents, may disable the filter.

- Parents may request **no Internet access** (Blocked) or **enhanced-filter access** for their children under age 17.

- Adults (17 years of age and older) who log-in to the Internet at the library automatically receive **basic-filter access**. They may opt for **enhanced-filter access**, or at some workstations may request to have the filter disabled at any time. A request during a session for **unfiltered** or **enhanced-filter access** will retain the change at future log-ins.

ABOUT INTERNET FILTERS

The library uses a commercial software filter (8e6). We believe that this filter is as accurate as any such product can be.

Because of the Internet’s unstructured, unregulated and international nature, there is no assurance that any software will block access to all sites that fall within the selected blocked categories. It is also possible that the filter will block information that it should not.

For this reason, we strongly encourage parents to be involved in all aspects of their child’s use of the library. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for themselves and their children. Library staff is always available to assist individuals and families in finding information appropriate to their needs.

INTERNET ACCESS RULES OF CONDUCT

The Camas Public Library’s **Rules of Conduct** applies to the behavior of patrons using equipment and resources. It is against library policy for patrons to access, download or disseminate materials that the courts have declared to be legally obscene or otherwise illegal. The library discourages the display of any nudity or sexually explicit content by anyone. It is against library policy to circumvent SAM for any reason.

Following this policy is the responsibility of each user. With minor users, the parent or guardian shares joint responsibility. Failure to follow library policies, including unresolved debt, may be cause for the library to deny permission to use the Internet or to enter its facilities for a time specified by library staff. In cases of illegal activities or threatening behavior, the police will be called.

Questions? Call (360) 834-4692, or send an email message to library@ci.camas.wa.us.

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