



Administrative Policy
INTERNET – MINORS
Library – A801

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Preventing Minors from Gaining Access to Visual Depictions that are Child Pornography, Harmful to Minors or Obscene

Summary

The Payson Public Library (“Library”) is fully aware of and concerned for, a safe educational Internet experience for children despite the unregulated nature of the Internet. Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) A.R.S 34-501 and 502 (computer Access Harmful to Minors) requires public libraries to adopt policies to prevent minors from gaining access to internet sites containing content harmful to minors.

Process

The Library provides filtered access to the Internet for its patrons in order to adhere to the requirements set forth in the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) and the Federal Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Because filtering software is inherently imperfect, although the Library strives to appropriately filter Internet content, the Library cannot guarantee that all Internet content will be appropriately filtered at all times.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 34-502 (C) adult library patrons may request unfiltered Internet access for research or other lawful purposes. Such requests should be directed to the Research Desk and may require up to 24 hours advance notice. Disabling the Internet filter in no way exempts the requesting patron from A.R.S. 13-3507 which criminalizes the “public display of explicit sexual material.”

References

A.R.S 13-3501, 13-1502, 13-3506, 13-3507, 34-501 and 34-502 are available at the Reference Desk.

This policy was adopted at a public meeting of the Town Council on November 21, 2013 pursuant to the requirements of A.R.S. 34-502(E).