

INTERNET POLICIES & FILTERING IN FLORIDA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES

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In January 2011, the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services surveyed Florida's public libraries to identify Internet use policies and filtering practices. There are 145 county and municipal public library administrative units and member libraries in Florida's 67 counties. A county-by-county overview of practices follows.

Key Findings

- 145 libraries (100 percent) have locally adopted Internet use policies.
- 144 libraries (99.3 percent) prohibit display of obscene images or images offensive to others.
- 122 libraries (84.1 percent) are filtering all or some computers.
- 47 libraries (32.4 percent) have implemented or plan to implement an Internet Safety Program.

Internet Policies

Internet policies adopted by the local governing body	145	100.0%
Policies prohibit display of obscene images or images offensive to others	144	99.3%

Use of Filtering Software or Technology

Currently filter all or some computers	122	84.1%
Do not currently filter computers	23	15.9%
Total	145	100.0%

Internet Safety Program

Implemented or plan to implement	47	32.4%
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Status of Internet Policies & Filtering in Florida's Public Libraries
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County	Library	Filters? Product Name	Policy?	Prohibits Display of Obscene Content?	CIPA compliant?	Internet Safety Program?
Alachua	Alachua County Library District	Yes iPrism	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz
Baker	Emily Taber Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Bay	Bay County Public Library (Northwest Regional Library System)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Implementing
Bay	Lynn Haven Public Library	Yes Firebox Xe	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bradford	Bradford County Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes County IT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Brevard	Brevard County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Broward	Broward County Division of Libraries	Yes 8e6	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Broward	Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes
Broward	Lighthouse Point Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Broward	Oakland Park Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Broward	Parkland Public Library	Yes iPrism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Broward	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors	Yes Useful	Yes	Yes	N/A	No

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Calhoun	Calhoun County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Charlotte	Charlotte County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Citrus	Citrus County Library System	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Clay	Clay County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Collier	Collier County Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Implementing
Columbia	Columbia County Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DeSoto	Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes WatchGuard, SurfControl	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dixie	Dixie County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes CYBERSitter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Implementing
Duval	Jacksonville Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Escambia	West Florida Public Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Flagler	Flagler Beach Library	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Flagler	Flagler County Public Library	Yes Net Nanny	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Franklin	Apalachicola Municipal Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Franklin	Franklin County Public Library (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Gadsden	Gadsden County Public Library	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Gilchrist	Gilchrist County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes CYBERSitter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Implementing
Glades	Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Gulf	Northwest Regional Library System	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Implementing
Hamilton	Suwannee River Regional Library System	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Hardee	Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes WatchGuard, SurfControl	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hendry	Hendry County Library System	Yes Open Source Filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hernando	Hernando County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Highlands	Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes WatchGuard, SurfControl	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hillsborough	Tampa- Hillsborough County Public Library System (Hillsborough Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Hillsborough	Bruton Memorial Library (Hillsborough Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hillsborough	Temple Terrace Public Library (Hillsborough Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Holmes	Holmes County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes Web Balance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Indian River	Indian River County Library	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Jackson	Jackson County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes Netsweeper	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Jefferson	Jefferson County Public Library System (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lafayette	Lafayette County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes CYBERSitter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Implementing
Lake	Eustis Memorial Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Fruitland Park Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Helen Lehmann Memorial Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Lady Lake Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Lake County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Lake	Leesburg Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Marianne Beck Memorial Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Minneola Schoolhouse Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Tavares Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	Umatilla Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lake	W.T. Bland Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Lee	Fort Myers Beach Public Library	Yes Sentian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lee	Lee County Library System	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Lee	Sanibel Public Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Leon	Leon County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Levy	Levy County Public Library System	Yes Websense, Dan's Guardian, Useful	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Liberty	Northwest Regional Library System	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Implementing

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Madison	Suwannee River Regional Library System	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Manatee	Manatee County Public Library System	Yes Symantec Web Security	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Marion	Marion County Public Library System	Yes Smart Filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Martin	Martin County Library System	Yes Smart Filter/ Envisionware	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Miami-Dade	Brockway Memorial Library	Yes WatchGuard Firewall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Miami-Dade	Hialeah Public Libraries	Yes Tipping Point	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Public Library System	Yes Bluecoat	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Miami-Dade	North Miami Beach Public Library	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Miami-Dade	North Miami Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Monroe	Monroe County Public Library System	Yes Bess	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Nassau	Nassau County Public Library System	Yes Comprise Technologies	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Okaloosa	Destin Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okaloosa	Fort Walton Beach Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No

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Okaloosa	Mary Esther Public Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okaloosa	Niceville Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okaloosa	Robert L.F. Sikes Public Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okaloosa	Valparaiso Community Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Bsafe	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okeechobee	Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes WatchGuard, SurfControl	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Orange	Maitland Public Library	Yes CyBlock	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes PC Academy
Orange	Orange County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Orange	Winter Park Public Library	Yes Cymphonix DC30	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Osceola	Osceola County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Palm Beach	Boca Raton Public Library	Yes CyberPatrol	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Palm Beach	Boynton Beach City Library	Yes WatchGuard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Palm Beach	Delray Beach Public Library	Yes InstaGate EX2	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Highland Beach Library	No	Yes	No	N/A	No
Palm Beach	Lake Park Public Library	Yes Cobian	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Palm Beach	Lake Worth Public Library	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Lantana Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	North Palm Beach Public Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Library System	Yes Smart Filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palm Beach	Palm Springs Public Library	Yes Net Nanny	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Riviera Beach Public Library	Yes DansGuardian	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	West Palm Beach Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Implementing
Pasco	New Port Richey Public Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Internet Safety Program
Pasco	Pasco County Library System (Pasco County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pasco	Zephyrhills Public Library (Pasco County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	-No
Pinellas	Clearwater Public Library System (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Dunedin Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes WatchGuard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	East Lake Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz

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Pinellas	Gulf Beaches Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Gulfport Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Largo Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Comprise	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Oldsmar Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Palm Harbor Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Pinellas Park Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Safety Harbor Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	Seminole Community Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Net Nanny	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	St. Pete Beach Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Pinellas	St. Petersburg Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz

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Pinellas	Tarpon Springs Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Polk	Auburndale Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Bartow Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Dr. C.C. Pearce Municipal Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Dundee Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Eagle Lake Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Fort Meade Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Haines City Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Lake Alfred Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Polk	Lake Wales Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Lakeland Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense, Open DNS, Net Nanny	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Latt Maxcy Memorial Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Polk City Municipal Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Winter Haven Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Putnam	Putnam County Library System	Yes NetSpective	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety Education Program
Sarasota	Sarasota County Libraries Department	Yes Blue Coat	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Seminole	Altamonte Springs City Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Seminole	Seminole County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
St. Johns	St. Johns County Public Library	No (Reviewing options)	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Internet Safety Training

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St. Lucie	St. Lucie County Library System	Yes SurfControl	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Sumter	Bushnell Public Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sumter	Coleman Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sumter	E.C. Rowell Public Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sumter	Panasoffkee Community Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sumter	The Villages Public Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sumter	Wildwood Public Library (Sumter County Public Library System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Suwannee	Suwannee River Regional Library System	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Taylor	Taylor County Public Library	Yes WatchGuard, TrendMicro, Avast	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Union	Union County Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Volusia	Volusia County Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wakulla	Wilderness Coast Public Libraries Headquarters	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wakulla	Wakulla County Public Library (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Walton	Walton County Public Library System	Yes CYBERSitter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Netsmartz
Washington	Washington County Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes Web Balance	Yes	Yes	Yes	No