Filtering Information

In compliance with the federally mandated provisions of the Children's Internet Protection Act, the Elmhurst Public Library filters all of the Library Computers, including internet access from personal laptops using the plug-in or wireless connections throughout the building. In accordance with the Supreme Court ruling on this legislation, anyone age 17 or older who needs to view a blocked site for research purposes should speak to staff at the 2nd Floor Information Desk for assistance.

There are two levels of filtering in the Library which are described below.

Library Computers in the Teen Area and Kids' Library

- Alcohol
- Chat
- Child Pornography/Child Abuse
- Criminal Skills
- Dating/Personals
- Dubious/Unsavory
- Explicit Art
- Gambling
- Hate & Discrimination
- Illegal Drugs
- Obscene/Tasteless
- Online Communities
- Pornography/Adult
- R-Rated Services
- School Cheating
- Terrorist/Militant/Extremist
- Tobacco
- Video Sharing
- Weapons

All Other Library Computers, Public Internet (WiFi or plugged in), Staff Computers

- Child Pornography/Child Abuse
- Pornography/Adult Content

Safety/Security

In addition, the following categories are filtered building-wide for security, patron safety, or the health of our computers and network.

- Bad Reputation Domains
- Botnets
- Hacking
- Malicious Code
- Phishing
- Spyware
- Adware
- Banner/Web Ads
- Peer-to-Peer (P2P) File Sharing
- Virus

*Additional filtering may be active on Kids' computers.