### WIRELESS FILTERING IN UTAH'S LIBRARIES

#### **Executive Summary**

Informal Opinion Regarding Filtering Requirement of UCA 9-7-215 by the State of Utah's Office of the Attorney General (April 21, 2008)

A public library in the state of Utah can obtain federal and state funds only if it has a policy of Internet safety restricting access by minors to visual depictions that are child pornography, obscene or that fall in the definition of "harmful to minors." In addition, the library must have a policy of Internet safety restricting access by all users to visual depictions that are child pornography or obscene.

#### **Filtering of Wireless Internet Service**

The requirement of the technology protection measure (i.e. filter) is only applicable to any "publicly accessible computer with Internet access." Therefore, the library is not required to institute a filter that would apply to a patron's privately owned laptop even if the patron is accessing the Internet via the library's wireless Internet service.

#### **Disabling the Filter**

The use of the word "may" in the statute indicates the action is discretionary and not mandatory. Therefore, whether to disable the filter upon request of a patron who is not a minor is a matter left to the librarian's sound discretion under Utah law. However, a decision to not disable the filter may nevertheless be subject to legal challenge if the patron feels the website he/she intends to view has constitutionally protected material.

#### **Procedural Considerations**

There is nothing prohibiting the library from requesting a written affirmation from an adult patron that their intended use is lawful. That affirmation could include a statement that unfiltered access will be terminated if the library determines the use is unlawful. If used, that affirmation should be applied to all adult patrons who request unfiltered access. Also, unfiltered access to the library computer by a minor is expressly prohibited by the statute. Therefore, an adult patron cannot give permission to remove the filter on behalf of a minor.

#### **Additional Information**

Cost Estimates from UETN. Connection costs are based on assumption that new fiber would be installed under a UETN contract. Filtering costs are based on the current i-Boss licensing agreement and could increase once current RFP responses are evaluated.

#### **UETN Connection Costs\* UETN Filtering Costs**

New On-going Annual:\$373,290New On-going Annual:\$225,000New Total One-Time:\$270,400New One-Time:\$118,400

\* Assumption 40% average E-rate discount for Libraries Statewide for new UETN Library connections

## Libraries Without Wireless Filtering:

Beaver Public Library
Delta City Library
Grand County Public Library
Grantsville City Library
Manti City Library
Milford Public Library
Minersville Public Library
Pleasant Grove Public Library
Santaquin City Library
Spanish Fork Public Library

# Libraries Using the UETN Filter (i-Boss):

Cedar City Public Library Davis County Library **Emery County Library Garland Public Library Grand County Public Library** Kanab City Library Morgan County Library Mt. Pleasant Public Library **Newton Town Library** Park City Library Parowan Public Library Payson City Library Richmond Public Library Salt Lake City Public Library Salt Lake County Library San Juan County Library **Summit County Library** Tooele City Public Library Tremonton City Library Wasatch County Library Washington County Library Weber County Library System





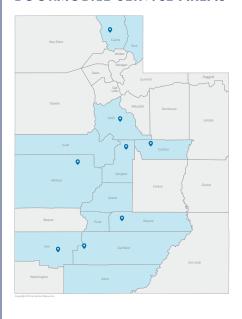
#### **UTAH'S CERTIFIED LIBRARIES**

- American Fork City Library
- Beaver Public Library
- OBrigham City Library
- Cedar City Public Library
- Davis County Library Bountiful
- Oavis County Library Centerville
- Openity Library Clearfield
- O Davis County Library Farmington
- Davis County Library Kaysville
- Davis County Library Layton
- O Davis County Library Syracuse
- O Delta City Library
- Ouchesne County Library Duchesne
- Ouchesne County Library Roosevelt
- Eagle Mountain Public Library
- Emery County Library Castle Dale
- Emery County Library Cleveland
- Emery County Library Elmo
- Emery County Library Emery
- Emery County Library Green River

- Ephraim Public Library
- Garfield County/Panguitch City Library
- Garland Public Library
- Grand County Public Library Castle Valley
- Grand County Public Library Moab
- Grantsville City Library
- Gunnison Civic Library
- Helper City Library
- Highland City Library
- O Hyrum City Library
- Kanab City Library
- Q Lehi City Public Library
- Lewiston Public Library
- Logan Library
- Manti City Library
- Milford Public Library
- Minersville Public Library
- Monroe Public Library
- Morgan County Library
- Mt. Pleasant Public Library
- Murray Public Library
- Nephi Public Library
- Newton Town Library
- North Logan City Library

- Orem Public Library
- Park City Library
- Parowan Public Library
- Payson City Library Pleasant Grove Public Library
- President Millard Fillmore Library
- Price City Library
- Provo City Library
- Richfield Public Library
- Richmond Public Library
- Salem City Library
- Salina Public Library
- Salt Lake City Public Library Anderson-Foothill
- Salt Lake City Public Library Chapman
- Salt Lake City Public Library Day-Riverside
- Salt Lake City Public Library Glendale
- Salt Lake City Public Library Main
- Salt Lake City Public Library Marmalade
- Salt Lake City Public Library Sprague
- Salt Lake City Public Library Sweet
- Salt Lake County Library Alta
- Salt Lake County Library Bingham Creek
- Salt Lake County Library Columbus
- Salt Lake County Library Draper
- Salt Lake County Library Herriman
- Salt Lake County Library Holladay
- Salt Lake County Library Hunter
- Salt Lake County Library Kearns
- Salt Lake County Library Magna
- Salt Lake County Library Millcreek
- Salt Lake County Library Riverton
- Salt Lake County Library Sandy
- Salt Lake County Library Smith
- Salt Lake County Library South Jordan
- Salt Lake County Library Taylorsville
- Salt Lake County Library Tyler
- Salt Lake County Library West Jordan
- Salt Lake County Library West Valley
- Salt Lake County Library Whitmore
- San Juan County Library Blanding
- San Juan County Library Bluff
- San Juan County Library La Sal
- San Juan County Library Montezuma Creek
- San Juan County Library Monticello
- Santaquin City Library
- Saratoga Springs Library
- Smithfield Library

#### **BOOKMOBILE SERVICE AREAS**



- Counties Served by Bookmobiles
- Bookmobile HQ
- Spanish Fork Public Library
- Springville Public Library
- Summit County Library Bookmobile
- Summit County Library Coalville
- Summit County Library Kamas
- Summit County Library Kimball Junction
- Tooele City Public Library
- Tremonton City Library
- Uintah County Library
- Wasatch County Library
- Washington County Library Enterprise
- Washington County Library Hurricane
- Washington County Library New Harmony
- Washington County Library Saint George
- Washington County Library Santa Clara
- Washington County Library Springdale
- Washington County Library Washington
- Weber County Library System Law
- Weber County Library System Main
- Weber County Library System North
- Weber County Library System Ogden
- Weber County Library System Pleasant Valley
- Weber County Library System Southwest

### **UTAH'S LIBRARY LANDSCAPE**

