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.

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

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UTAH’S CERTIFIED LIBRARIES

- American Fork City Library
- Beaver Public Library
- Brigham City Library
- Cedar City Public Library
- Davis County Library - Bountiful
- Davis County Library - Centerville
- Davis County Library - Clearfield
- Davis County Library - Farmington
- Davis County Library - Kaysville
- Davis County Library - Layton
- Davis County Library - Syracuse
- Delta City Library
- Duchesne County Library - Duchesne
- Duchesne 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 - Ferron
- Emery County Library - Green River
- Emery County Library - Huntington
- Emery County Library - Orangeville
- 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
- Hyrum City Library
- Kanab City Library
- 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 City 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 - Whittmore
- 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
- 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

BOOKMOBILE SERVICE AREAS

- Counties Served by Bookmobiles
- Bookmobile HQ