

Technology resources: Filtering levels

When registering for Internet access at Chelsea District Library, parents/guardians must select a filtering level for their children under 18 years old. The following filtering levels are available:

Safe Harbor

This level is limited to about 15,000 preselected sites. Users on this level can search a wide variety of designated subjects but are unable to access other non-approved sites.

Level 1

This level attempts to block sites that include adult/sexually explicit material; illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; gambling; hate speech; personal and dating information; violence and weapons; glamour and intimate apparel; Usenet and chat.

Level 2

This level attempts to block sites that include adult/sexually explicit material; illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco; hate speech; violence and weapons; gambling; personal and dating information.

Level 3

This level attempts to block sites that include adult/sexually explicit material.

Unfiltered

Available to individuals 18 years of age and older.

No Internet

For access to Microsoft applications only (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). No access to the Internet is provided. This level is available without parental consent.

About library filtering

Chelsea District Library uses an advanced filtering system called SAM (Smart Access Manager), provided by a company called Comprise. This technology allows parents to choose a specific level of filtering for their children while still allowing adults unfiltered access to the Internet. By employing this technology, the library is able to comply fully with Michigan Public Act 212 of 2000.

To use the Internet at the library, all users must read, understand, register, and sign for an Internet access card. Minors must be registered by a parent or legal guardian, who must select a level of filtering. Minors may not, under any circumstances, have unfiltered access to the Internet in the library. Filtering products are in their infancy and are imperfect in many ways. Users must understand that filters are no guarantee that objectionable material will not be seen or viewed. Filters attempt to block limited amounts of material of specific content while often blocking benign sites that users seek to access.