

Internet Filters

Peabody Institute Library of Danvers

The internet is a dynamic resource containing vast amounts of information. Many of the sites on the internet provide a wealth of information for researchers and the general public. However, some sites may be considered offensive.

Currently, there are no filters which block all potentially offensive sites. In fact, many filters inadvertently block sites which contain valid and valuable information.

After careful examination and consideration of the issue, the Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute Library of Danvers voted not to filter the computers at the Library.

This decision was reached based on the *ALA Resolution on Filtering Software in Libraries(1997)*, public input, and this library's experience.

As part of this decision, computers for the general library user are placed in very public locations.

The Library has an established an Internet Use Policy.

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