INTERNET POLICIES & FILTERING IN FLORIDA'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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In March 2019, the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services surveyed Florida's public libraries to identify Internet usage policies and filtering practices. There are 141 county and municipal public library administrative units and member libraries in Florida's 67 counties. A per-county overview of these practices follows.

Key findings

Internet policies

	Number of libraries	Percent of libraries
Internet policies adopted by the local governing body	138	97.9%
Policies prohibit display of obscene images or images offensive to others	140	99.3%

Use of filtering software or technology

Currently filter all or some computers	125	88.7%
Do not currently filter computers	16	11.3%
Total	141	100.0%

Internet safety program

Implemented or plan to implement	69	48.9%

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Alachua	Alachua County Library District (PAL Public Library Cooperative)	Yes iPrism	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Baker	Emily Taber Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bay	Bay County Public Library (Northwest Regional Library System)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Bay	Lynn Haven Public Library	Yes Firebox	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bradford	Bradford County Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes County IT	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Brevard	Brevard County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Broward	Broward County Division of Libraries	Yes E86	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Broward	Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Broward	Helen B. Hoffman Plantation Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Broward	Oakland Park Library	Yes City-created firewall	Yes	Yes	N/A	No

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Broward	Parkland Public Library	Yes Iron Port	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Broward	Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors	Yes Userful	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Calhoun	Calhoun County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Charlotte	Charlotte County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Citrus	Citrus County Library System	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Citrus	Citrus Springs Memorial Library	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Clay	Clay County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Collier	Collier County Public Library	Yes Zscalei	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Columbia	Columbia County Public Library	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
DeSoto	DeSoto County Library (Heartland Library Cooperative	Yes State	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Dixie	Dixie County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Duval	Jacksonville Public Library	Yes McAfee Web Gateway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety and Security, Internet Searching and Evaluating Websites, Safe Online Shopping
Escambia	West Florida Public Libraries	Yes Fortigate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes A Parent's Guide to Internet safety (FBI)
Flagler	Flagler Beach Library	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Flagler	Flagler County Public Library	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Franklin	Apalachicola Municipal Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Franklin	Franklin County Public Library (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Net Cetera
Gadsden	Gadsden County Public Library	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gilchrist	Gilchrist County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Glades	Glades County Public Library (Heartland Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Gulf	Port Saint Joe Library (Northwest Regional Library System)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Hamilton	Virginia B. Chandler Public Library (Suwannee River Regional Library System)	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Hardee	Hardee County Public Library (Heartland Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hendry	Hendry County Library System	Yes Open Source Filter	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hernando	Hernando County Public Library System	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Highlands	Highlands County Library System (Heartland Library Cooperative)	Yes Check Point	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hillsborough	Bruton Memorial Library (Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Check Point	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz

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Hillsborough	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System (Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Check Point	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Hillsborough	Temple Terrace Public Library (Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Check Point	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Holmes	Holmes County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Indian River	Indian River County Library	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Jackson	Jackson County Public Library (Panhandle Public Library Cooperative System)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Jefferson	Jefferson County Public Library System (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Net Cetera
Lafayette	Lafayette County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Lake	Eustis Memorial Library	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Fruitland Park Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Helen Lehmann Memorial Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Lady Lake Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Lake County Library System	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Leesburg Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Marianne Beck Memorial Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Minneola Schoolhouse Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	Tavares Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz

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Lake	Umatilla Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lake	W.T. Bland Public Library (Lake County Library System)	Yes Fortinet	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Lee	Fort Myers Beach Public Library	Yes Sentian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety Program
Lee	Lee County Library System	Yes Open DNS, SquidGuard	Yes	Yes	No	No
Lee	Sanibel Public Library	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes General training & guidelines
Leon	Leon County Public Library System	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Levy	Levy County Public Library System (PAL Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Cybrarian, DNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Liberty	Liberty County Library (Northwest Regional Library System)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Madison	Madison Public Library (Suwannee River Regional Library System)	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Manatee	Manatee County Public Library System	Yes Palo Alto Network PANDB URL	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Marion	Marion County Public Library System	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Martin	Martin County Library System	Yes Smoothwall/ Guardian	Yes	Yes	No	Yes Internet Safety
Miami-Dade	Brockway Memorial Library	Yes WatchGuard Firewall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Miami-Dade	Hialeah Public Libraries	Yes CheckPoint software technologies	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz; Internet Safety
Miami-Dade	Miami-Dade Public Library System	Yes PaloAlto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Online internet safety education
Miami-Dade	North Miami Beach Public Library	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internal Program
Miami-Dade	North Miami Public Library	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety Program
Monroe	Monroe County Public Library System	Yes Connected with Useful	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Nassau	Nassau County Public Library System	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Okaloosa	Destin Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okaloosa	Fort Walton Beach Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No

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Okaloosa	Mary Esther Public Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	No	Yes	No	No
Okaloosa	Niceville Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Okaloosa	Robert L.F. Sikes Public Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	No	Yes	No	No
Okaloosa	Valparaiso Community Library (Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Okeechobee	Okeechobee County Public Library (Heartland Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Orange	Maitland Public Library	Yes NetSmartz	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Orange	Orange County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety Program
Orange	Winter Park Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Osceola	Osceola County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Palm Beach	Boca Raton Public Library	Yes Cisco Sourcefire	Yes	Yes	No	No
Palm Beach	Boynton Beach City Library	Yes WatchGuard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Palm Beach	Delray Beach Public Library	Yes Blue Coat	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Highland Beach Library	No	Yes	No	N/A	No
Palm Beach	Lake Park Public Library	Yes Cobian	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palm Beach	Lake Worth Public Library	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
Palm Beach	Lantana Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Mandel Public Library of West Palm Beach	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety Program
Palm Beach	North Palm Beach Public Library	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Palm Beach	Palm Beach County Library System	Yes McAfee Web Gateway	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palm Beach	Palm Springs Public Library	Yes Sonic Wall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Palm Beach	Riviera Beach Public Library	Yes SmoothWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pasco	New Port Richey Public Library	Yes Comprise SAM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Library safety internet training

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Pasco	Pasco County Library System (Pasco County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pasco	Zephyrhills Public Library (Pasco County Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Pinellas	Barbara S. Ponce Public Library/ Pinellas Park Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	Clearwater Public Library System (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	Dunedin Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	East Lake Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Net Nanny	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	Gulf Beaches Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Sonic Wall	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	Gulfport Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Barracuda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security

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Pinellas	Indian Rocks Beach Library	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	No
Pinellas	Largo Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes EnvisionWare	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	Oldsmar Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Center for Cyber Security & Education
Pinellas	Palm Harbor Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	No	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes NetSmartz
Pinellas	Safety Harbor Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Center for Cyber Security & Education
Pinellas	Seminole Community Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes NetNanny	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes NetSmartz
Pinellas	St. Pete Beach Public Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Pinellas	St. Petersburg Public Library System (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz

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Pinellas	Tarpon Springs Library (Pinellas Public Library Cooperative)	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Garfield Cyber Security
Polk	Auburndale Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Bartow Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Cisco/DNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Introduction to Internet Safety
Polk	Dundee Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Eagle Lake Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Fort Meade Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Haines City Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Lake Alfred Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Lake Wales Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS, Sophos	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Polk	Lakeland Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Spectrum Enterprise, Open DNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Latt Maxcy Memorial Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Mulberry Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Polk City Municipal Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes Secure Content Manager	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Polk	Winter Haven Public Library (Polk County Library Cooperative)	Yes OpenDNS	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Putnam	Putnam County Library System (PAL Public Library Cooperative)	Yes NetSpective	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Santa Rosa	Santa Rosa County Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sarasota	Sarasota County Libraries Department	Yes BlueCoat	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Seminole	Altamonte Springs City Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

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Seminole	Seminole County Public Library System	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
St. Johns	St. Johns County Public Library	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz
St. Lucie	St. Lucie County Library System	Yes ZScaler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety for Kids & Parents
Sumter	Sumter County Public Library System	Yes WebBlocker	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Suwannee	Live Oak Public Library (Suwannee River Regional Library System)	Yes iWayPatrol	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes SafetyNet
Taylor	Taylor County Public Library (Three Rivers Regional Library System)	Yes SonicWall	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Union	Union County Public Library (New River Public Library Cooperative)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Internet Safety
Volusia	Volusia County Public Library	Yes Websense	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Wakulla	Wakulla County Public Library (Wilderness Coast Public Libraries)	Yes iBoss	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Net Cetera
Walton	Walton County Public Library System	Yes Palo Alto	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes NetSmartz

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Washington	Washington County Library	Yes Cisco Umbrella Insights	Yes	Yes	Yes	No