The Rockingham County Public Library established standards of conduct, including punishments for violators of the library’s policy, and controlled Internet access by children by requiring parental permission. See the Internet Policy as it applies to patron access.

The Supreme Court ruling of June 25, 2003 upholding CIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act) requires all public libraries to filter Internet access by any age person using software that is easily turned off upon request by an adult or to forfeit all federal funding.