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Internet Pornography at the Local Library



Many people think public libraries are obsolete in the age of the Internet, yet libraries remain a valuable asset to any neighborhood. But just imagine taking your kids to your local library on a beautiful, sunny day to find some good books and engage in the other activities offered. You're hand in hand, discussing what kind of books to borrow when, to your horror, you see...

Someone on one of the library computers is looking at pornography!

This isn't a scenario out of a parent's worst nightmare; this is taking place in libraries around the country. A recent case involves a library in Orland Park, Illinois, where residents are now insisting that the library install filters on public computers to block access to illegal pornography. However, opponents to filtering, which include the American Library Association (ALA), are concerned that such filters violate free speech rights and insert more government into the lives of Americans.

Anyone who has been addicted or had trouble with porn knows how serious of an issue it is. Some want to downplay the implications and act as if porn is a common place, everyday routine for everyone. Unfortunately that is nearly true and the outcome has been catastrophic, especially for youth. Let's look at some statistics on porn use in America :

9 out of 10 boys were exposed to porn before age 18.

6 out of 10 girls were exposed to porn before age 18.

28% of 16-17 year olds have been unintentionally exposed to porn online.

15% of boys and 9% of girls have seen child pornography.

32% of boys and 18% of girls have seen bestiality online.

39% of boys and 23% of girls have seen sexual bondage online.

83% of boys and 57% of girls have seen group sex online.

69% of boys and 55% of girls have seen same-sex intercourse online

56% of divorce cases involved one party having an obsessive interest in pornographic websites.

Is it any wonder we live in a society where sex among teens is not merely average and rising, but considered normal and celebrated? The worldwide sex-trafficking industry is growing and we are now realizing that even in America sex-trafficking is a major industry. Pedophilia is on the rise as online porn makers increasingly cater to the "barely legal" crowds. These outcomes are all reality because pornography has become so readily available online. One doesn't have to go to the red light districts to find it. It's available in the privacy of one's home – or provided by your tax dollars in the library.

Providing access to porn on tax-funded computers is akin to paying for and providing drugs to an addict. There can be no doubt that porn is addictive and many fall victim to this addiction and risk ruining their lives, marriages and families. By providing a public space to view porn the library has become the "dealer" to those seeking their next "fix.".....snip~

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Orland Park Library won't place filters on adult-section computers