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(CBS) – Two people who use the Orland Park library are challenging the library’s policy of allowing users to look at porn sites on the library’s computers.

WBBM Newsradio’s Regine Schlesinger reports, in a testy exchange with a library board attorney, Megan Fox and Kevin DuJan complained about a policy allowing patrons to visit any website – including pornography – on adult-only computers, so long as the content isn’t illegal.

Fox and DuJan recorded their statements and posted them on YouTube.

Fox, a suburban mother, cited a list of recent police reports in which library patrons either exposed themselves, or did other inappropriate things in the library while using the computers.

“Why is Orland Park Library staff protecting perverts and sex offenders? Why have you made Orland Park Library a place that is attractive to perverts, and is dangerous for women and children?” she said.

According to the Chicago Tribune, the Orland Park Public Library said public libraries that restrict patrons’ ability to view certain websites run the risk of being sued.

At the Orland Park library, officials have set up safeguards to prevent children under the age of 18 from using adult-only computers, and privacy screens block what passersby can see. Youth computers also have filters to block harmful material.