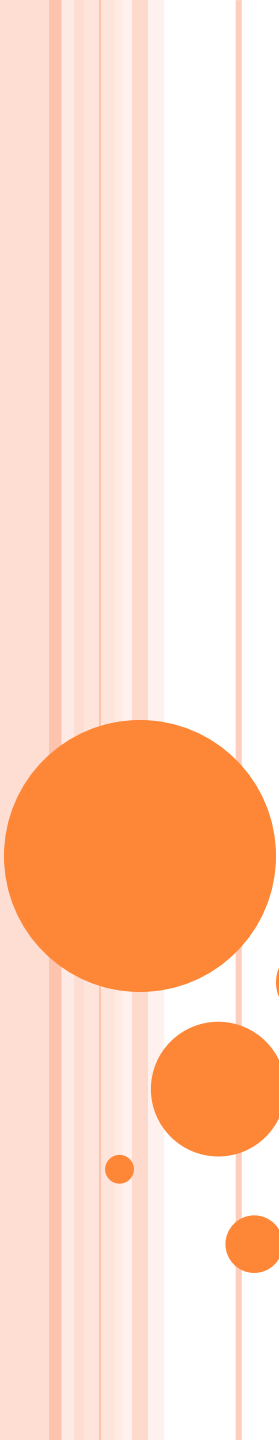


# CIPA IS THE CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT



# CIPA DATES BACK TO DECEMBER 2000



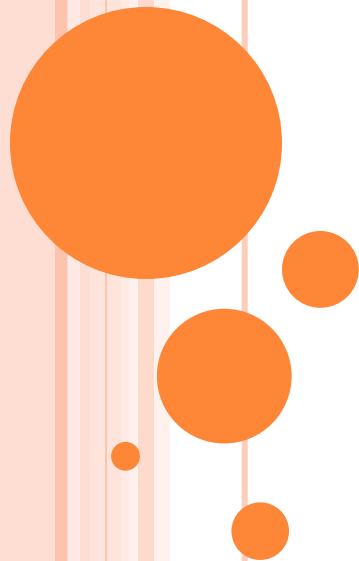
The law requires schools and libraries in the United States to filter the Internet and implement certain other measures to protect children from harmful online content in order to receive some types of federal funding.

# E-RATE FUNDING



The E-Rate program provides heavy discounts to assist schools and public libraries to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet services under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

FOR MANY YEARS MCFL HAS SUBSCRIBED TO THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION'S LIBRARY BILL OF RIGHTS AND DEFENDED THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO VIEW AND READ CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED MATERIALS.



# THE GAP BETWEEN LIBRARY FUNDING AND THE COMMUNITY'S NEED FOR RESOURCES CONTINUES TO GROW.

We weighed our options:

Possible Fundraising

VS

Guaranteed E-Rate funding



# CIPA REQUIREMENTS

## CIPA Children's Internet Protection Act

- Internet filtering
- For all computers: Children's, Adult and Staff

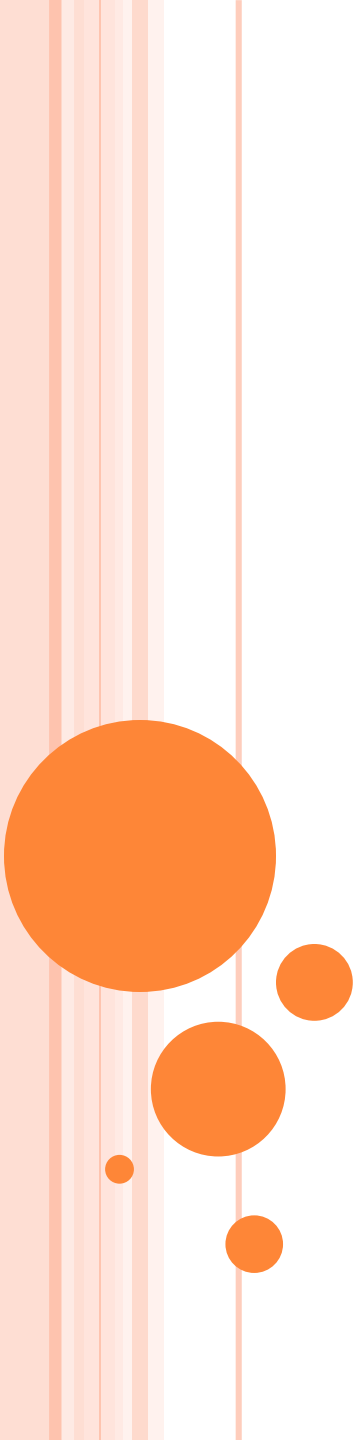
## NCIPA Neighborhood Children's Internet Protection Act

- Internet policy must address:
- Electronic messaging
  - Disclosure of personal information
  - Unlawful online activities

## Protecting Children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- Internet safety policy for educating minors on appropriate online behaviors





**Filtering requirement of CIPA is:  
the implementation of a  
“technology protection measure” –  
generally referred to as an Internet  
filter –  
to block access to**

**visual depictions**

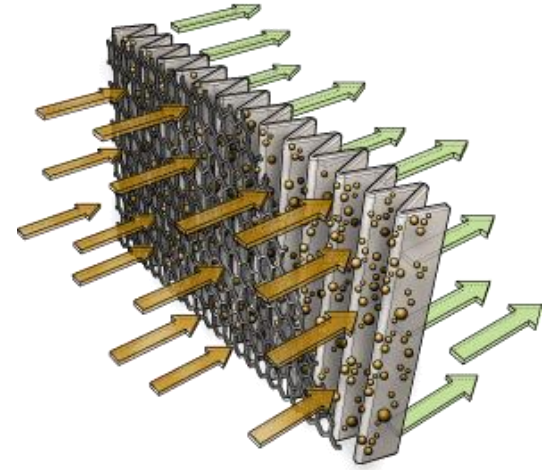
**deemed “obscene,” “child  
pornography,”  
or “harmful to minors.”**

# FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ✓ **Need to have an internet safety policy**
- ✓ **Must provide measures for educating minors about appropriate online behavior**
- ✓ **Provide reasonable public notice**
- ✓ **Hold at least one public hearing or meeting**



# FILTERS



- ✓ MCFL currently offers a filtering option on all public computers.
- ✓ The current default setting for MCFL computers is no filters.
- ✓ Internet users can turn on and off the filters themselves or ask for assistance in turning them on and off.
- ✓ All staff computers are unfiltered.



# THE FILTERS



- ✓ In the past filters were unreliable and filtered or allowed materials through in an unreliable way.
- ✓ The insufficient bandwidth was another barrier in the way of efficient filtering.
- ✓ Filters have improved greatly.
- ✓ MCFL has invested in improved bandwidth.
- ✓ But filters are still not guaranteed and MCFL supports the right and responsibility of parents/guardians to monitor what their children view in the library.



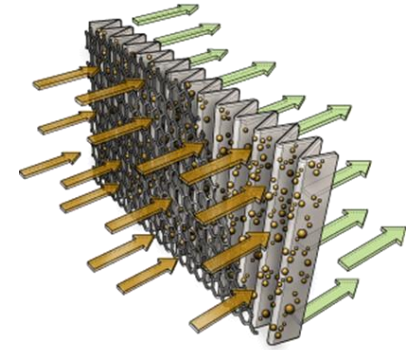
# CIPA'S OTHER FILTERING REQUIREMENTS



- ✓ All library computers linked to the internet via E-Rate funded connections must be filtered.
- ✓ Staff and public computers must be filtered.
- ✓ Public and/or staff must ask to have the internet turned off.
- ✓ No one under 16 may request unfiltered access to the internet



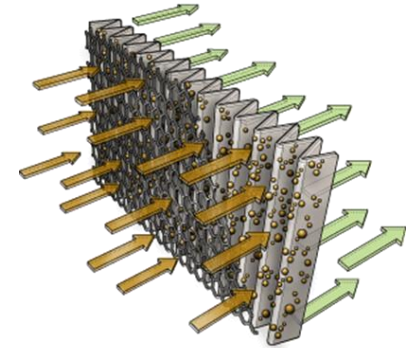
# SOME CONSIDERATIONS



- ✓ Some members of the public may balk at asking for the filter to be turned off.
- ✓ No provision for minors to request turning off of filters
- ✓ Additional workload on staff



# SOME CONSIDERATIONS



- Money vs Expectations of full access
- MCFL does not receive cash directly; instead receives discounts for telecommunications and the purchase of internet related equipment, etc.; and the ability to apply for federal technology grants
- Dollar value to MCFL – could be almost \$1,000,000 over the next 5 years
- Value of money to the community vs the loss in access to information



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Monterey County Free Libraries  
is to bring ideas, inspiration,  
information and enjoyment  
to our community.**



**Our Vision:**

**Monterey County is a community  
where everyone has the  
opportunity to  
achieve their potential  
and pursue happiness.**



WE MAKE CHOICES THAT BEST  
SERVE THE COMMUNITY UNDER  
THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.  
FILTERING WILL BE IN PLACE BY  
APRIL 2017.

