

## Results

	CyberSitter	SmartFilter	Total Traffic Control	Web Balanced	Websense
EBSCO	Abuse AIDS Beaver Cum Incest Pot Pierce Satan Tattoo Teen Transsexual Whipped Wicca	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked
ACLIN Best Sites	Abuse AIDS Beaver Teen witchcraft	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked
CDP Heritage & DPL Western History	No text was blocked, but all photos were blocked in the Western History Collection	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked	None blocked

# FilterFest Filter Test

## Process

The 5 filters chosen for this project are a sampling selected in order to include a range of costs, a variety of installation methods, products that Colorado librarians suggested we include, and products that have received positive reviews.

We chose 25 words from an initial list of over 400. Included are anatomical, scatological, political, sociological, sexual, and drug terms that might have a double meaning.

The filters were configured to block "pornography" and/or "adult sex" categories only. If the filter provides the option to not use keyword blocking, we did not use keyword. This approach is based on the assumption that Colorado libraries would want a filter that targets only material mentioned in the Colorado law: images that are obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors.

The goal of the test was to determine whether these filters block legitimate information in databases commonly used by Colorado libraries. Since these databases amount to pre-selected electronic resources suitable for libraries, any blocking of the resources by a content filter is problematic in a public library.

During the testing, when a filter blocked a web page, we temporarily disabled the filter and captured the blocked content. This also ensured that it was the filter blocking the page and not some other technical problem.

## Databases Tested

**EBSCO** (<http://www.ebsco.com>)

EBSCO is a fee-based electronic database that provides full-text articles from periodicals.

**Heritage from the Colorado Digitization Program** (<http://www.cdheritage.org/>)

Heritage searches digital collections in Colorado containing mostly photographs, diaries, and other original documents of historic significance and metadata describing the digital objects.

**Denver Public Library's Western History Collection** (<http://photoswest.org/>)

The Denver Public Library has been a pioneer in making historic digitized photographs available on the web. Its effort is in partnership with the Colorado Historical Society and the Denver Art Museum.

## ACLIN Best Websites

<http://www.aclin.org/>

ACLIN (Access Colorado Library Information Network) is a project of the Colorado State Library. The site, also known as the Colorado Virtual Library, and is the entry point for a large number of library catalogs and other information resources. The "Best Websites" section is a searchable database of helpful selected by librarians throughout Colorado. The librarians annotate only the highest-quality websites, and focus their efforts on finding the best websites of interest to residents of Colorado.

## Internet Filter Test Vocabulary List

abortion	AIDS	abuse
anarchy	beaver	bomb
breast	cum	Essex County
gun	incest	model
Nazi	pagan	pierce
pistol	pot	Satan
stud	tattoo	teen
transsexual	whipped	Wicca
witchcraft		