

A filtering solution developed specifically for Libraries.



Patronus™

Built for Libraries

Need a filtering solution specifically developed for libraries? Want it to be fast, flexible, and easy to use? You've come to the right place.

BASCOM's Patronus meets your goals, and you don't have to be a technical guru to use it. With one quick setting, filtering can be turned on or off. It's that simple. Stay tuned...this is just the beginning.

Local Control

BASCOM's CIPA-compliant solution merges depth with simplicity. Want to customize the filter? Create a Profile that defines categories and selects an Access Zone. Need to assign different Internet access for children, teens, and adults? No problem. Create a unique Profile for each group and assign it to the appropriate workstation or group of workstations.

Patronus uses one, simple screen and you're up and running. Take it a step further, and you can override the filter on the fly—giving a patron immediate, unfiltered access for a specified period of time.

Quick Deployment

Patronus is an entirely self-contained solution. Just take it out of the box, plug it in, and it is ready to go with a few simple settings. And since Patronus features BASCOM's Virtual Administrator, software upgrades, filtering list updates, and remote backup of the system's configuration files are all performed automatically—without requiring a local technology expert.



One Solution, Everyone Benefits

Librarians

- Instant-On, Instant-Off filtering that's easy to use.
- Create different Profiles for adults, young adults, and children to customize access for each group.
- Meets the CIPA requirement for a Technology Protection Measure.
- Supports a library's Internet use policies.

Patrons

- Open access for adult Internet use (Unfiltered Zone).
- Unobtrusive filtering for adult Internet use (Filtered Zone).
- Age-appropriate Internet experience for young adults and teens (Filtered Zone).
- Access to an allowed list of sites for children (Kids Zone and the Web Library).
- Access to only select sites for dedicated subscription services (Resource Zone).

Technology Directors

- Server appliance solution. Just plug it in and go.
- Automatic, remote software upgrades and configuration back-ups.
- A built-in firewall protects the network from outside intruders or inside hackers.
- Web caching frees bandwidth and improves productivity.



The Challenge: Providing Safe, Secure Wi-Fi Access

Patrons want to use their laptops to access the Internet while inside the library. Librarians worry about clogging their internal network with video downloads. And, technology directors fear viruses and hacking from unknown computers. Many libraries have taken a first step by placing public Wi-Fi access on a dedicated Internet connection. While this isolates wireless users from the internal network, managing the security for a separate network is time-consuming and costly.

Problem solved.

Patronus offers a single, cost effective, drop-in solution to securing community wireless access. Managed through one simple Web interface, Patronus features a locally-controlled Internet filter; a dynamic firewall that secures peer-to-peer file sharing, internal/external hacking attempts, and rogue services; and an intelligent Web cache system that gives everyone speedy access.

Access Zones

Internet Access Defined by Librarians



Unfiltered Zone (Adults Only)

This zone offers unrestricted access. With the flip of a switch, librarians decide when selected adults have access to the entire Internet.

Filtered Zone (Filtered Internet Access)

This is the default option that provides access to the entire Internet except for those categories librarians choose to block. It can be used for independent research and configured to provide access to all content except pornography.

Kids Zone (Portal of Educational Sites)

This zone keeps children within an "allowed community" of Web sites for a focused, online experience. Sites in this zone are accessed through an educator-approved portal—the Kids Zone Web Library.

Resource Zone (Site Selection)

This zone is the most restrictive. A computer can be limited to an individual Web site or a small group of sites. For example, a computer can be set to only access a subscription service and not used for general browsing, or it can be focused to specific sites for children.



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