

Memorandum 
Agenda Item No. 2(B)3
April 21, 2015

Date: March 23, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
County Mayor 

Subject: Directive No. 141713 - Donation of Donated Books to "Sister Cities"

On September 16, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution directing the County Mayor or the Mayor's designee to direct the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) to offer for donation to "Sister Cities" books and other materials received by the MDPLS from donors and not desired for ownership, sale or use by the MDPLS.

Currently, the books that are donated by the community to the MDPLS and cannot be added to the collection are given to the Friends of the Library for their annual book sale. The Friends of the Library book sale is one of the organization's most successful fundraisers and the proceeds from this sale go to support the MDPLS's programs and collections. As was discussed at last year's Cultural Affairs and Recreation Committee, the process of providing the donated books to the Friends of the Library will continue. However, as per the directive of Resolution No. R-823-14, any donated books that the MDPLS does not desire for ownership, sale or use will be donated to "Sister Cities." Once these books are identified, the MDPLS will contact the "Sister Cities" to determine if they would, at no cost to the MDPLS, like to accept, collect and retrieve the books being donated. A label will be placed on these books to highlight that they were donated by the MDPLS.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available applicable Committee meeting agenda and subsequently placed on the next available Board of County Commissioners meeting agenda.

If you have any further questions, please contact Gia Arbogast, Interim Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System, at 305-375-5026.

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