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MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

October 15, 2014

Honorable Wayne Slaton  
Mayor  
Town of Miami Lakes  
6601 Main Street  
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Dear Mayor Slaton:

I am pleased to inform you that the Miami-Dade Public Library System's (MDPLS) FY 2014-15 budget has been approved. The approved funding level will allow the MDPLS to begin implementing recommendations made by the *Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force for the Miami-Dade Public Library System* and provide a pathway towards strengthening the role of libraries in our community.

It is my vision that the MDPLS will become an even more responsive 21<sup>st</sup> century library system, offering state-of-the-art and dynamic services. To this end, public service hours at the Miami Lakes Branch Library will increase from 5 to 6 days a week to better address the community's needs and use patterns. The library system's books and materials budget has been increased to allow for more digital products, best sellers, children's books, and e-books. Additionally, the MDPLS will increase innovative services, strengthen community engagement, and deliver enriched technology tools and enhanced system-wide programming to improve our service delivery to the community.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the MDPLS is now under the leadership of Gia Arbogast, Interim Library Director. I am confident that you will find Gia to be experienced, resourceful and open to collaborations that provide more opportunities for our libraries to evolve and better serve our families and children.

I will keep you informed of any developments that may affect the branch library in your municipality. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact Gia Arbogast at 305-375-5026 or via email at [arbogastg@miamidade.gov](mailto:arbogastg@miamidade.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez", written over a horizontal line.

Carlos A. Gimenez

c: Michael Spring, Senior Advisor, Office of the Mayor  
Gia Arbogast, Interim Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System  
Suzet Alvarez-Cleary, Assistant Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System