

# Memorandum



**Date:** March 2, 2015

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

**From:** Carlos A. Gimenez  
County Mayor

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**Subject:** Implementation of the Online Payment System for the Miami-Dade Public Library System

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On July 1, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution R-639-14 directing the Mayor to develop a plan for the creation and implementation of a system to allow payment of library fines, rentals and other fees through the Miami-Dade Public Library System's (MDPLS) internet site. The MDPLS is working jointly with the Information Technology Department to develop an online payment system that will be available to patrons through the MDPLS website. At this point, both Departments are finalizing a project charter, to be prepared by March 31, 2015, which will detail the implementation schedule and cost of developing this system. This online payment system is budgeted in the MDPLS's Fiscal Year 2014-15 budget.

In addition, the departments will also be evaluating the feasibility of the installation of terminals in various branch locations to accept card payments. The Department will provide updates to the Board as this project moves forward.

The implementation of an online payment system will be a significant service enhancement that will provide patrons with the flexibility to pay library fees and fines online. Other mayor library systems such as New York Public Library and Seattle Public Library offer online payment options for their patrons.

For additional information regarding the online payment system, please contact Gia Arbogast, Interim Director of the MDPLS, at 305-375-5026.

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