

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 3:07 PM
To: 'Sylvia Mora-Ona'
Subject: RE: Gift from a Patron

Sylvia:

Unless the Library has a policy prohibiting its employees from accepting gifts, the county ethics code would allow you to accept these gifts for your grandchild. Due to the fact the gifts fall under the reporting threshold of \$100, there would be nothing for you to declare.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Sylvia Mora-Ona [mailto:moras@mdpls.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2009 8:52 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Gift from a Patron

Hi Robert:

I was off last week helping my daughter with her new baby when one of the Library's "challenging" patrons called me as she usually does. My secretary told her that I was off due to the birth of my grandchild. Today out of the blue I received a box with a gift inside. She sent me a gift for the baby including baby blanket, bibs, washcloths. I do not know what to do with the gift.

I called her to thank her. I cannot tell her that I cannot accept the gift because it would cause mayhem as Mrs. Caleb(yes, the same family as the Caleb center) has a very interesting personality. I speak to her weekly on different library issues. She has donated many of her father's pictures to the Model City Library. She is a sweet and demanding lady.

The gift is worth around \$25.00 dollars. Please advise.

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