

**Mr John Gilchrist**  
Freedom of Information Officer

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Ref: FOI/October 2017/ Thomas Mackintosh

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Dear Mr Mackintosh

Your request for information received on 5 October 2017 has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked:

In the last three academic years – 2016/2017, 2015/2016 and 2014/2015 – how much money has Middlesex University received in library fines?

Can the information please be broken down by each academic year.

### **University Response**

2014/15: £131,396.29  
2015/16: £113,766.96  
2016/17: £91,400.31

The purpose of library fines is to provide an incentive for students to return books that may be needed by other students, rather than as an income-generating activity in its own right. Any income generated by fines is used to reinvest into non-staffing library costs such as new book, learning resources etc.

There is a downward trend in fines income and we predict this will continue as we move from a print-based service to one where most information is delivered digitally.

I trust this satisfies your request sufficiently. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you have the right to complain about the University's response to your request for information. If you have such a complaint, you may contact Mrs Teresa Kelly, Clerk to the Board of Governors, Middlesex University, Hendon campus, London NW4 4BT, tel: 020 8411 6018, [t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk](mailto:t.kelly@mdx.ac.uk) within 40 days of the date of this letter for a review of the University's decision. If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of that complaint, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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