

Fines & Fees Payment – Self-Checkout

Apex XpressCheck™ Fines and Fees Payment Option

XCPAYML/XCPAYCL

If the library's ILS supports transmitting patron fines and fees data through SIP, the ability to pay fees and fines during the self-checkout transaction can be added to Apex XpressCheck. The library can opt to include credit/debit card payments, stored value card payments, or payment by cash through an automated dispenser.

How It Works

When patrons follow the self-checkout screens in Apex XpressCheck, they get information about their library accounts. Apex XpressCheck makes a call to the SIP server that interfaces with the Library's ILS. The SIP server sends data about any fines or fees owed by the patron to the self-checkout station screen. The patron can click the Pay Fines button to pay any outstanding fees and fines. If the library is using credit/debit card payment, the patron swipes a credit/debit card through a mag-stripe card reader attached to the monitor. A series of connections with the Authorize.net gateway are initiated that handle the financial transaction. The transaction is processed and the system gets confirmation that the transaction was successful (or unsuccessful).

If the library is using the cash payment option, patrons see an instructional screen that leads them through the use of the cash machine. When requested, the patron feeds money into the bill or coin collector. The cash and credit/debit card options can be used independently or in combination. If both payment methods are used, the patron is given the opportunity to choose how to pay.

When Apex XpressCheck receives confirmation that either type of transaction was completed (successfully or unsuccessfully), it queries the ILS through the SIP interface to verify that the patron's record has been updated with payment data. If the payment was properly made, it will be reflected in the data coming from the ILS host that is displayed on the screen.

To Accept Credit/Debit Cards for Payments:

The library must have two components in order to use the credit/debit card self-payment option. The library must arrange for or use an existing Merchant account for card transactions. Additionally, the library must purchase the Authorize.net gateway. ITG can supply the application forms, but arrangements for this service are done directly through Authorize.net. If the library does not have an existing Merchant account, it can be acquired through Authorize.net.

Fees for Authorize.net:

- ✓ One time setup fee: \$99
- ✓ Monthly Gateway fee: \$17.95
- ✓ Transaction fee: \$0.10 per transaction



Cash Collector/Dispenser with Apex XpressCheck™

Cash Machine Physical Specifications

Dimensions:	38" x 18" x 14" (H x W x D). (Includes footprint of base stand)
Capacity:	Nickel - \$10.00 Dime - \$10.00 Quarter - \$50.00 Dollar (coin) - \$200.00 (Only dispenses coins, not bills)
Bills Accepted:	\$1, \$5, \$10, \$20 (each bill type can be turned on or off)
Connection:	USB to Apex XpressCheck computer with appropriate length of cable
Power:	Standard 120-volt power
Coins Dispensed:	\$0.05/\$0.25/\$1.00; no dimes

*Fees are current as of 10/08. They are subject to change.

