

Summer reading programs benefit children's literacy

Summer is here at long last. For many of us it's the perfect time to relax on the deck with a good book. Encourage your children to join you.

Research gives a great deal of support to summer reading — reading to the child and by the child. Milton Public Library's annual summer reading club helps children maintain their reading skills while out of school.

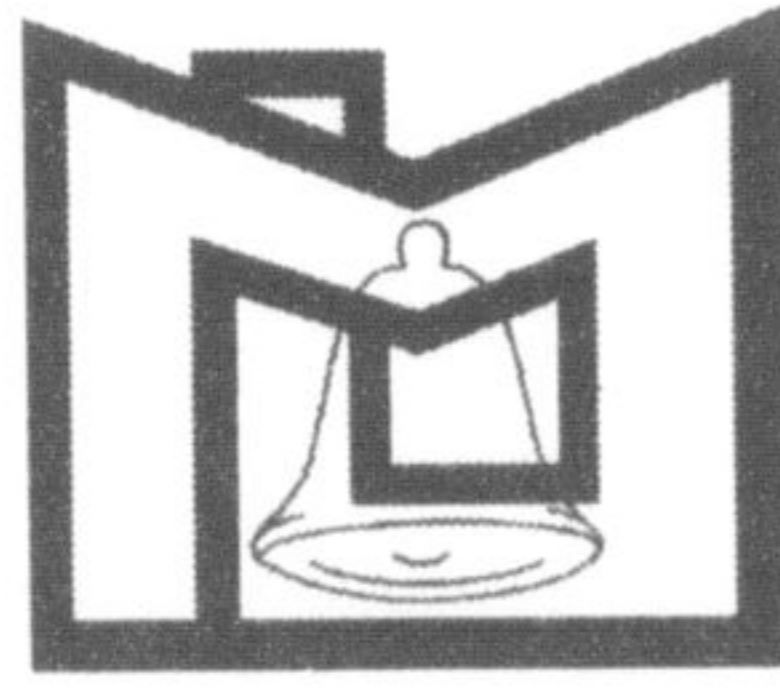
Studies of reading competency demonstrate over and over again, the importance of reading at home throughout the summer months. Students participating in a summer reading program are more likely to read at their grade level or above than their non-participating peers. Those reading above grade level are more likely to retain those skills into the next school year.

But as important as reading levels are, reading for pleasure must be encouraged.

Allow your children to choose their own books.

Nothing beats getting 'lost' in a good book, be it an adventure, a mystery or a book of jokes and riddles.

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Milton Public Library continues a summer tradition of providing great reading incentives for children of all ages.

This year the library is participating in the Ontario-wide Toronto Dominion summer reading program — Read Around the World. Check out our Web site or stop by the Information Desk at the library to get information about registration, reading booklets, prizes, activities and special theme days for summer of reading fun.

The book club launch is set for Wednesday, July 10, so hurry in to the library and register. The launch will take the form of a multicultural caravan with games, crafts and food from around the world. Participants in the launch must be members of the book club.

Summer reading activities are planned for younger and older sib-

lings as well. Three to five-year-olds are invited to participate in our Junior Travelers club. Register your preschooler at the library and pick up a booklet and sticker. Parents and older siblings read to the children, record the titles read and, when the booklet is full, collect the prize and your invitation to the Teddy Bears' Picnic August 27.

Children aged 11 years and up may take part in the 'Passport' challenge.

For every book read a ballot may be entered in the draw for weekly prizes such as video rentals, food vouchers and CD certificates. Winners of the grand prizes of a camera, backpack or fanny pack will be drawn at the pizza lunch August 29.

In addition to the summer reading programs, other programs are being offered including a Dr. Seuss celebration, a 60th birthday party for Curious George and our third annual sleeper.

For details on any of these programs, call the Milton Public Library at (905) 875-2665.

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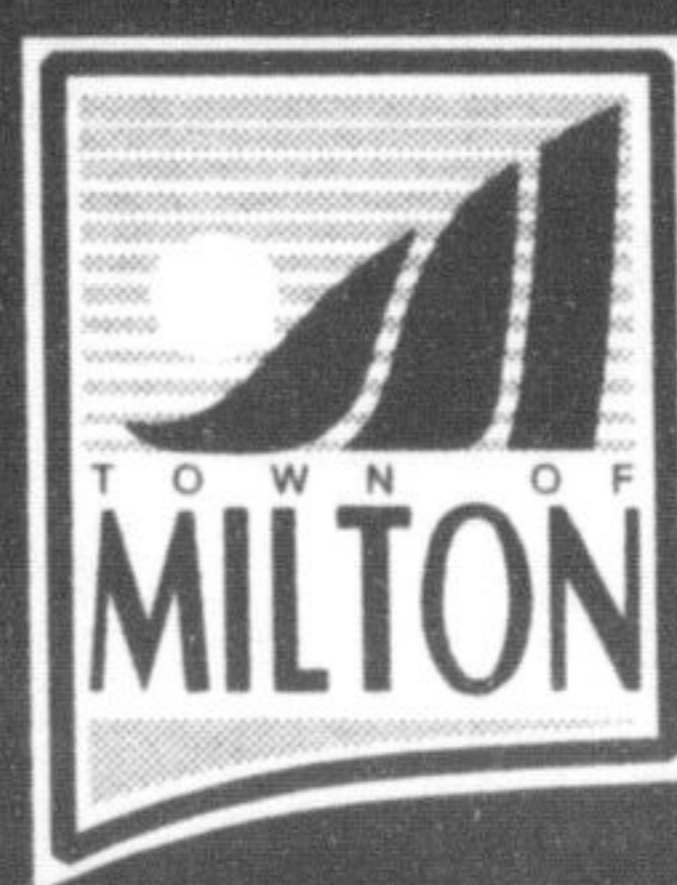
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