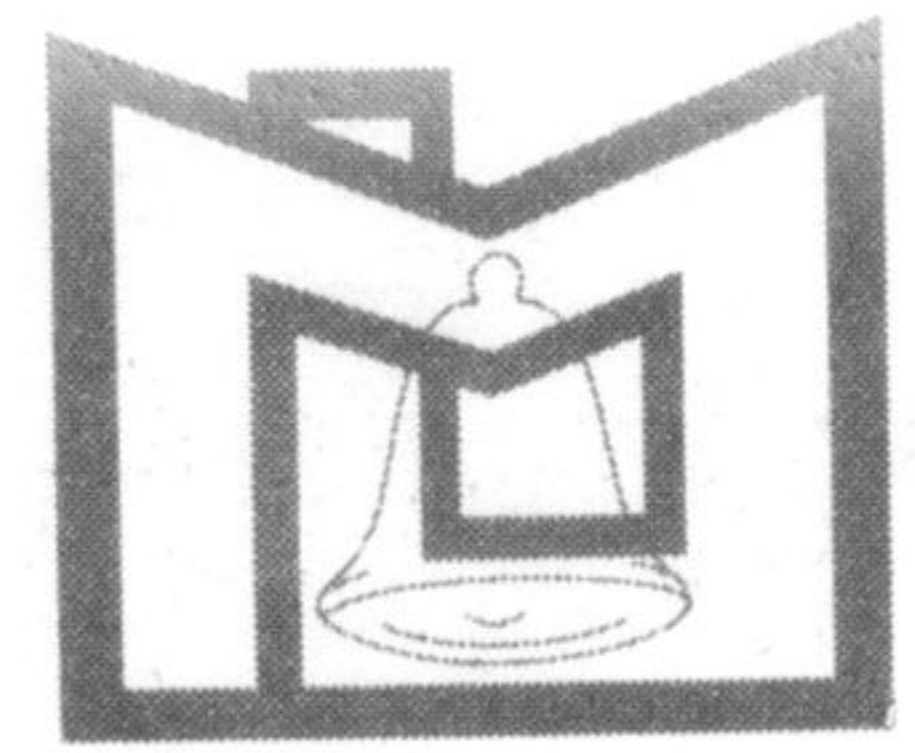


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**LESLIE FITCH**  
Chief Librarian

What a pleasure to have longer days again (even though the three week earlier time change was a bit of challenge to get used to).

I often think that spring is the best time at the Library, since the spring bulbs planted by the Milton and District Horticultural Society (a wonderful partner with the Library in the establishment and maintenance of our gardens, and a great volunteer group to become involved with!) are magnificent. Right now, we are enjoying the proliferation of snowdrops along with some hellebore and a couple of fugitive crocuses. Soon all the more showy blooms will be in evidence - don't forget to come by just to admire the gardens.

Is it possible for Spring to come, and not think about projects to do around your home or garden? If you are beginning to feel that siren call of 'getting things done this year', come to the Library for help in your planning. If you are thinking this is the year to do something to your yard or your home's exterior, or if you can't take one more season of that colour in your dining room (and any other project in between) we have the resources for you. The Library has dozens and dozens of books to help any of your Spring dreams.

March has been a good month at the Library since we were thrilled to implement two new projects: wireless connectivity and e-audio books. Both projects stem from interests expressed by library users. You can now bring in your own laptop and have uninterrupted access to the Internet. As a library serving a community with so many commuters, it is difficult to keep up with the demand for audio books. You can now borrow e-audio books from your home, school or office and download them to your PC, PDA, or MP3 player. You can find more information about the e-books project elsewhere on this page. The wireless project has been experiencing a couple of hiccups, which may affect availability in the near future, but we hope to have all issues resolved and the system working properly (it doesn't seem to want to work on Sundays) soon.

Milton Public Library is happy to be a drop off point for two ongoing projects related to Milton's 150th Anniversary: the Puzzling Past contest (which anyone can enter) and the Milly the Millstone writing contest (for children). For details and current contest information about both projects, go to [www.milton.ca](http://www.milton.ca) and search for 150th Anniversary Celebrations. Milton Library staff have put together some resources to help with the writing contest: go to [www.mpl.on.ca/contests.html](http://www.mpl.on.ca/contests.html) for more information.

In late April, we will begin to run our first after school library club for children from 6 - 10 years of age. If you want to be a Book Buddy, register soon for this 6 week program at the Children's Information Desk.

Happy Spring, everyone.  
Leslie Fitch  
Chief Librarian

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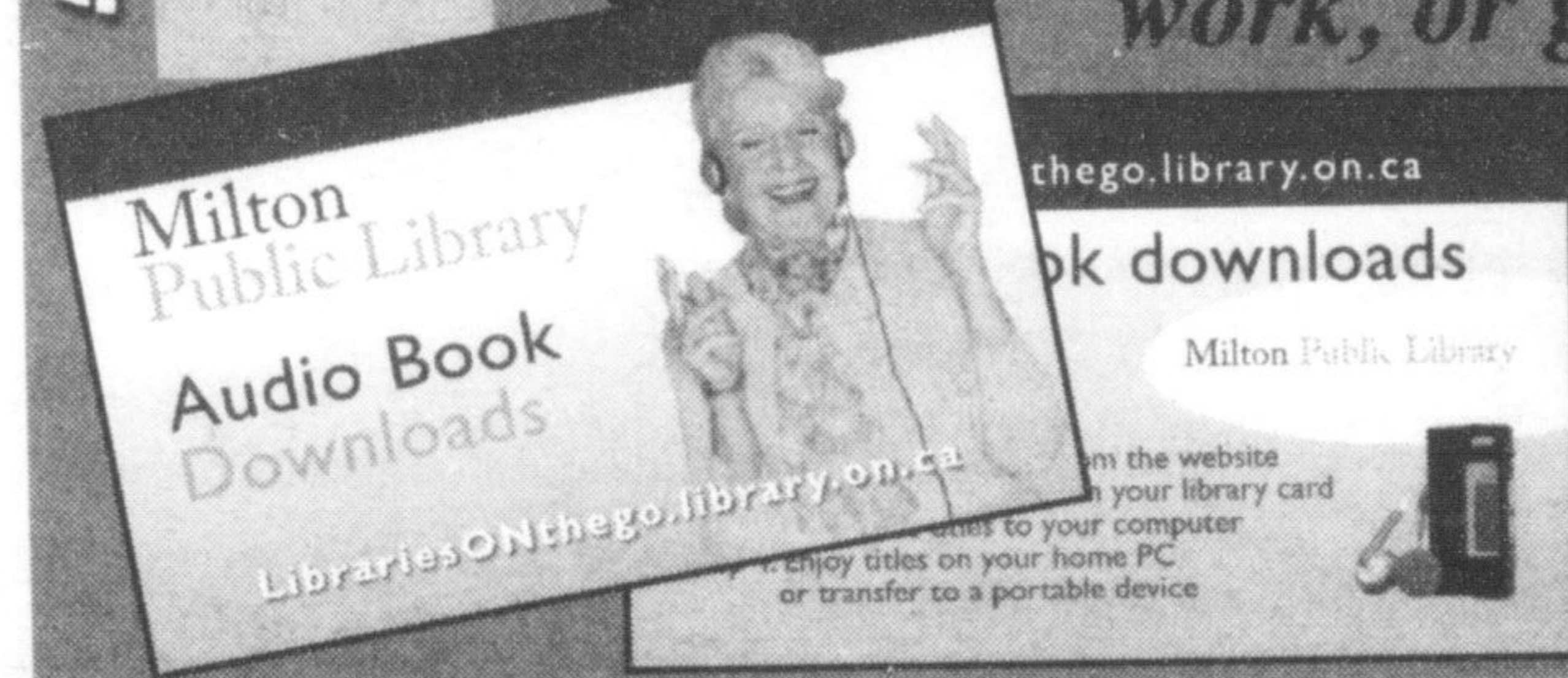
## Libraries ON the Go

*Listening to your favourite author just got a whole lot easier!*

Milton Public Library is part of Libraries ON the Go - a consortium of Public Libraries that have joined forces to establish a collection of digital audio books. Use your library card to download novels, self-help books, language instruction guides, children's books, and Young Adult novels onto your PDA, PC, or compatible MP3 player - legally and free!

### DON'T HAVE A LIBRARY CARD?

*You may have a free library card if you live, work, or go to school in Milton.*



You will be asked to show identification which shows your name and proof of one of the following:

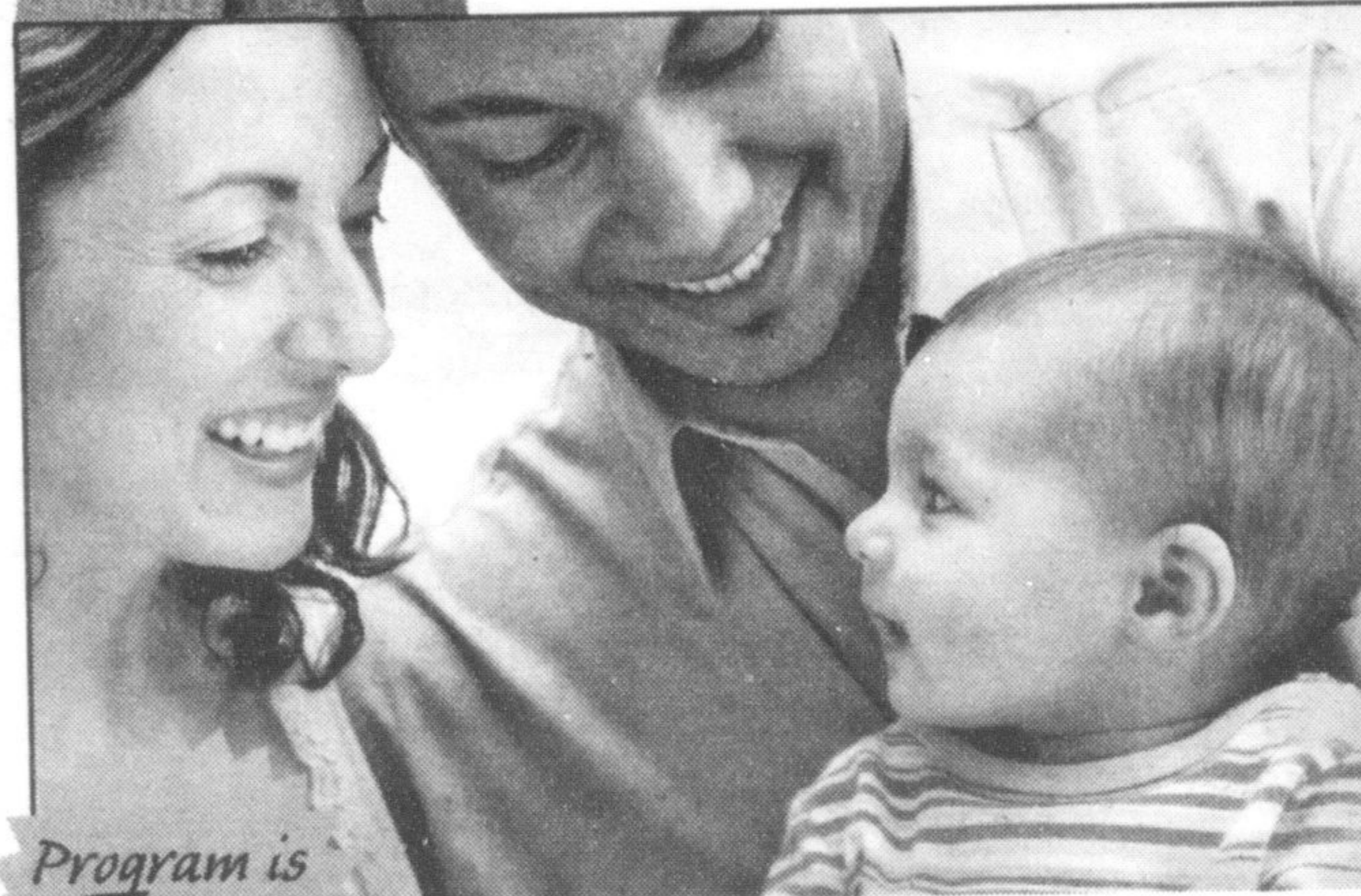
- Current home address in Milton
- Employment in Milton
- Full-time registration at a school in Milton

### Wireless Service Bulletin

Effective immediately,  
**WIRELESS SERVICE**  
HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED TO  
PERMIT TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES.

Service is expected to resume mid-April. Stay tuned to the Champion and our website for further updates.

*Thank you to all our patrons who provided feedback on this service.*



Program is  
**Free**

Milton Public Library is hosting  
**Sign With Your Baby**  
Thursday, April 5, 11 a.m.

Please register at the Children's Information Desk

## Book Buddies

Milton Public Library  
**AFTER SCHOOL LIBRARY CLUB**  
for children 6 - 10 years old

**6 WEEK SESSION: WEDNESDAYS 4 - 5 P.M.**  
**APRIL 25 - MAY 30**

**Cost \$5.00 per session** Kids will  
Please register at our Children's Information have first pick of  
**NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS**  
enjoy GREAT READ-ALOUNDS  
take part in GAMES, CRAFTS  
tell others about GOOD BOOKS  
they have read  
participate in our  
**PEN PAL PROGRAM**  
**ENJOY SNACKS**

## TEDDY BEAR TIME

Drop in storytime for children 3 and up  
**NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
Thursday 6:45 (April 12 - May 31)

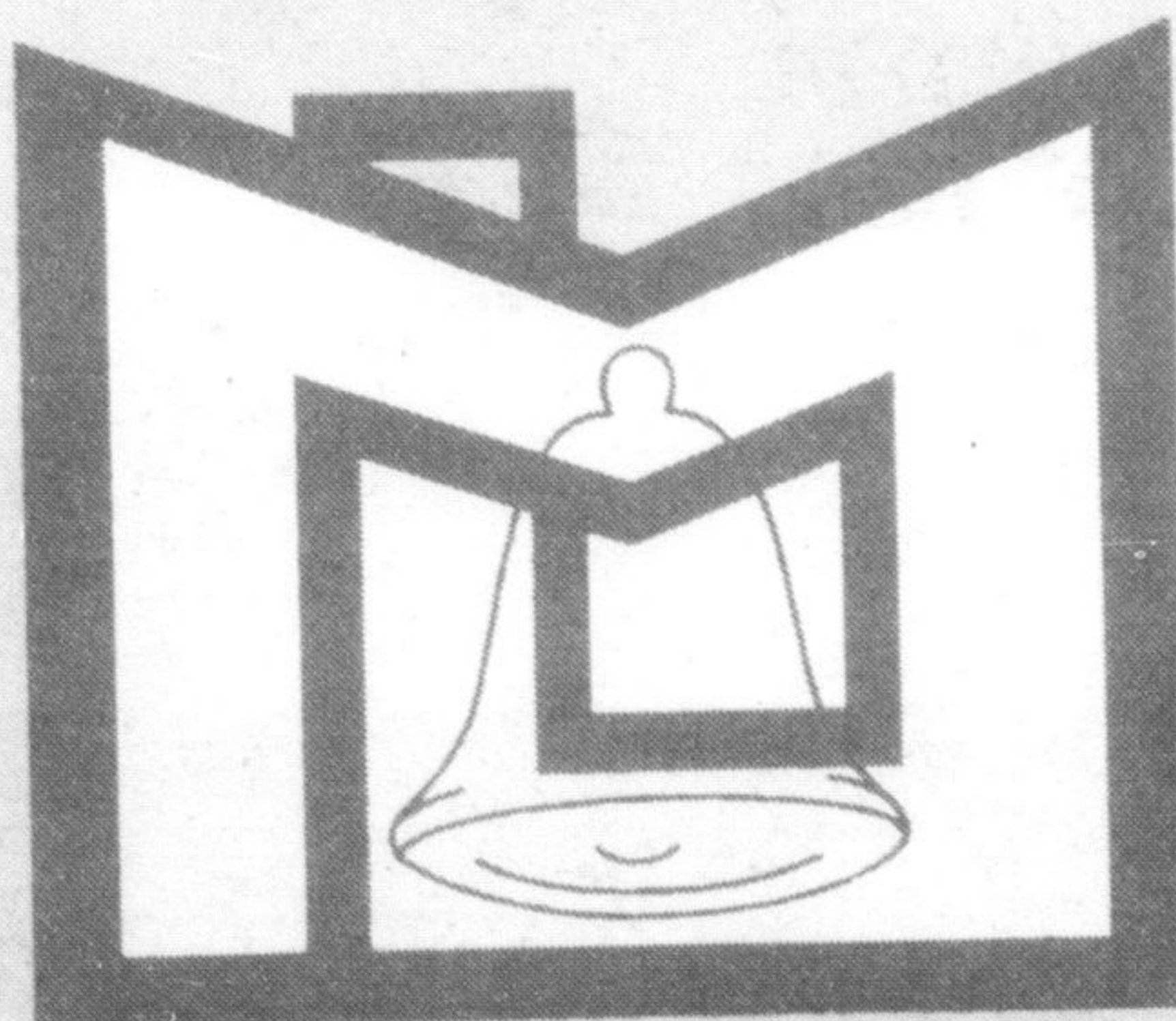


### SATURDAY MORNING DROP-INS

**Rise'n Shine - 10:00**  
This is a program of stories, songs, dance and rhymes for children 6 months to 3 years of age. Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**Family Storytime - 11:00**  
A special Saturday storytime perfect for preschoolers of working parents. Children under the age of 3 are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**SATURDAY MORNING DROP-INS - APRIL 14 UNTIL JUNE 2**



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