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Chief Librarian

Every season has something to celebrate, and all have their special attributes, but there is something about summer that encourages everyone to stop and slow down and make time for family, for friends and for yourself. I hope everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the summer months thoroughly, since they pass by so quickly. As we head into the lazy, hot days of summer, I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Library can be an air conditioned haven for you and your family over the summer. And while you are here, you can pick up a host of wonderful things to read, watch or listen to as you loll about the beach, your yard, your living room or drive your car to a great vacation destination. Summer is a special time of year at the Library, since it is a time in which we focus the expertise

and enthusiasm of our sensational Children's staff on school aged children. If you aren't familiar with the programs we offer, please check out our website (www.mpl.on.ca) or come by the Library to see what may tickle the interest of your children. In particular, I'd like to draw your attention to the details surrounding our Harry Potter Party on July 20th. The Library will open that (Friday) evening for this special party event, which we are holding in honour of the publication of the final book in J.K. Rowling's astonishing series. I hope to see you there - I suspect I'm going to be dressed as some kind of witch. I'm excited to report to you that early next week, we anticipate the RFP to hire an architect for the Library Branch to go out. We have a pretty aggressive time frame to manage - I'm so appreciative that the Town of Milton has offered to provide Project Management expertise. This will be essential to keeping

the project on track. It was terrific to see so many of you at Showcase Milton. We had a prize draw for an MP3 Player, and two gift certificates. Dorothy Gould won the MP3 player (don't forget to try our new e-audio book collection, Dorothy) while Rhonda Cusitar and Michele Snowden won the gift certificates. Congratulations! I mentioned in last month's column that I was taking pleasure in rooting out dandelions. This month I've been taking even more pleasure in tending the annuals and perennials purchased from nurseries and garden shops all over Milton, while I plan (with my neighbour) and a local garden expert the new look to my front yard (no more grass!). Happy Summer, everyone.

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Book Club Launch
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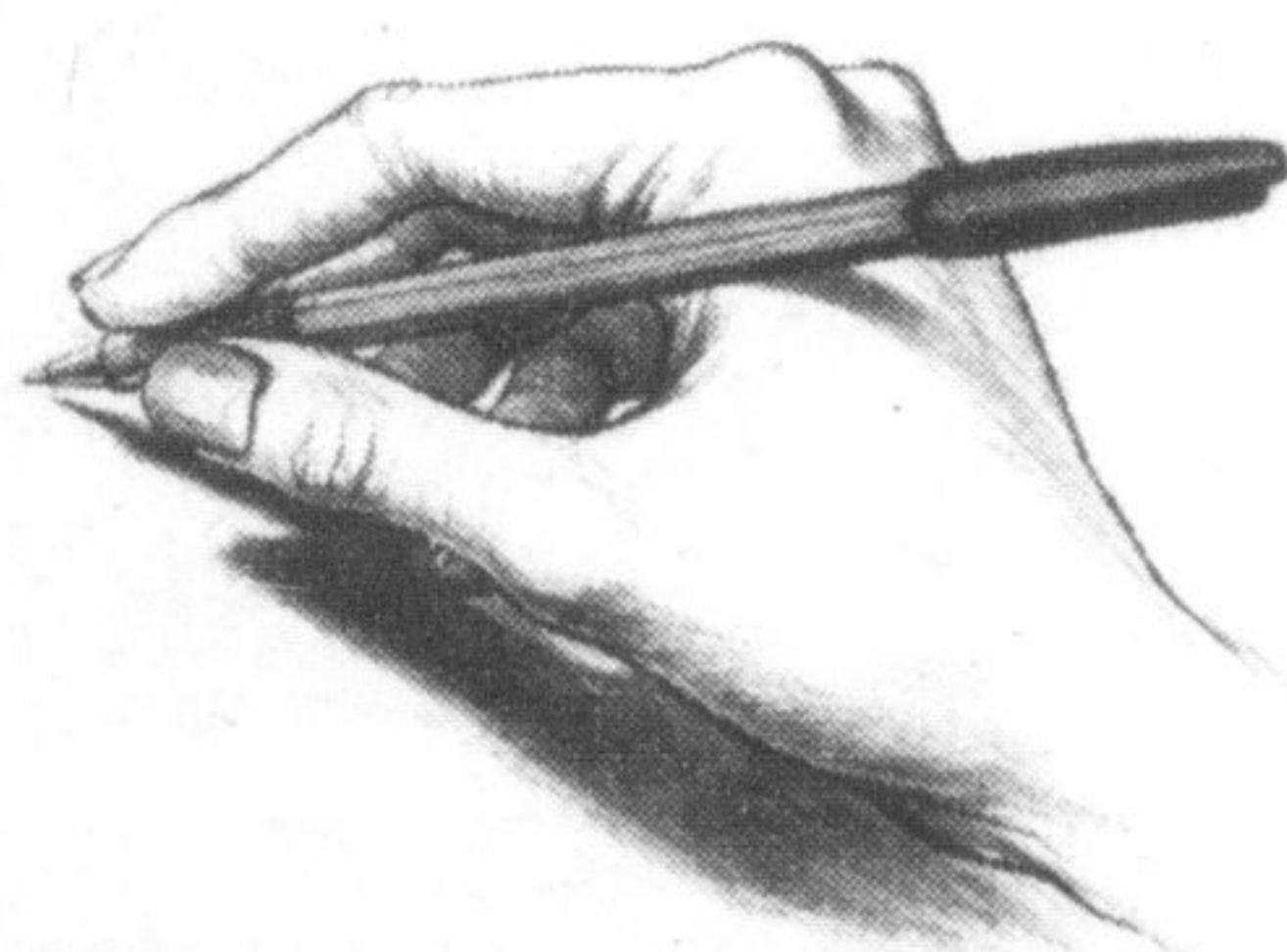
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- July 4Digging for Dinosaurs
- July 11Survivor Rome!
- July 25Charlotte's Web
- August 1Decipher this (Ancient Egypt)
- August 8How to eat fried worms
- August 15It's Greek to me!



Put Pen to Paper: Short Story Contest for Teens

Contest closes August 17, 2007

Do you have a knack for writing stories?

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Submit an original short story by August 17, 2007.

Ages 12-14: 1st place \$100 - 2nd place \$50

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Visit the Library or check on-line for details.



Celebrate the launch of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

Join us Friday, July 20th 9:30 p.m.

to 12:15 a.m. Ages 8 - 12

Crafts - Games Costume Parade

Refreshments

Copy of the Book & Party

\$40.00 Tickets \$10 - join the party

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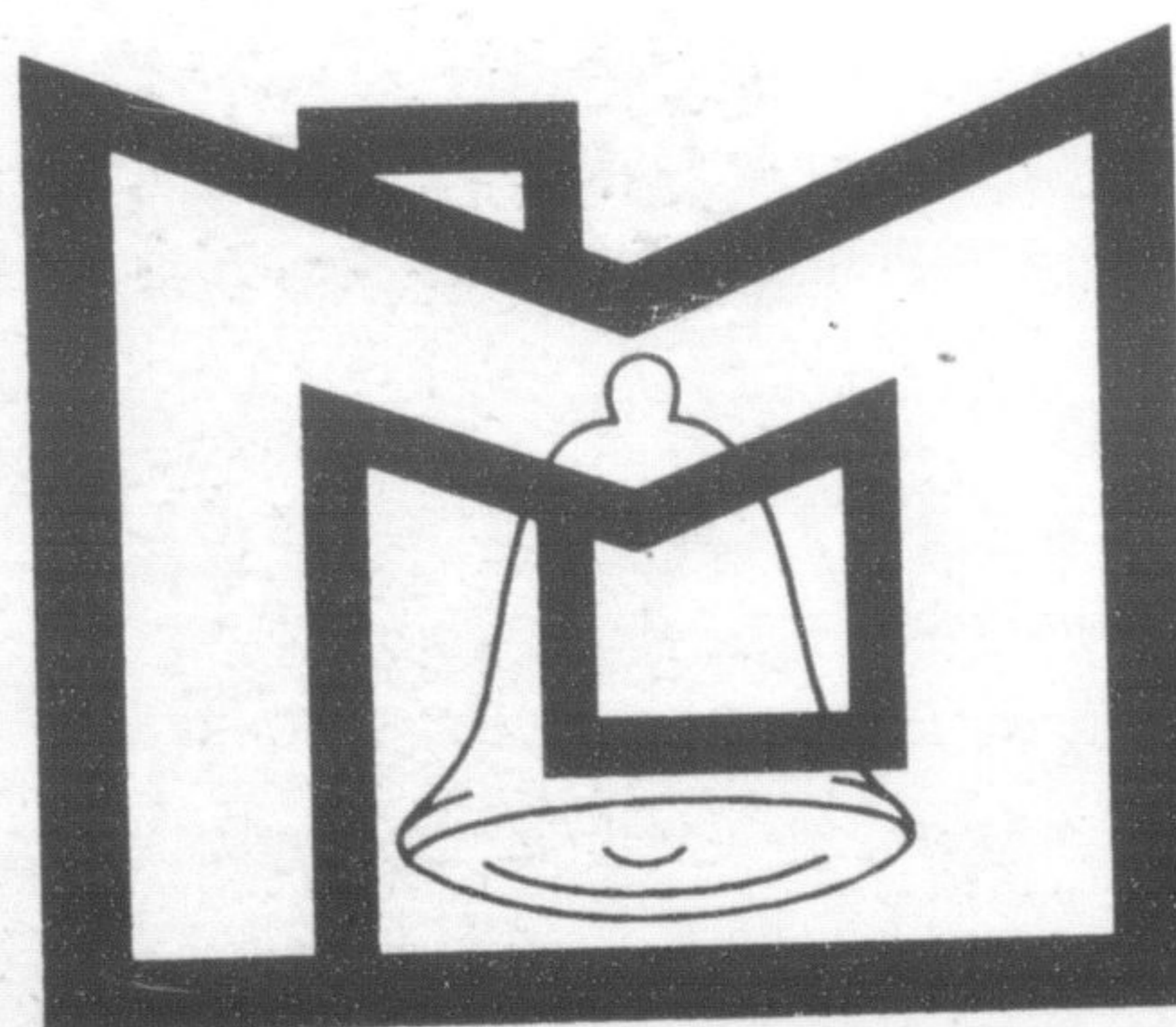
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