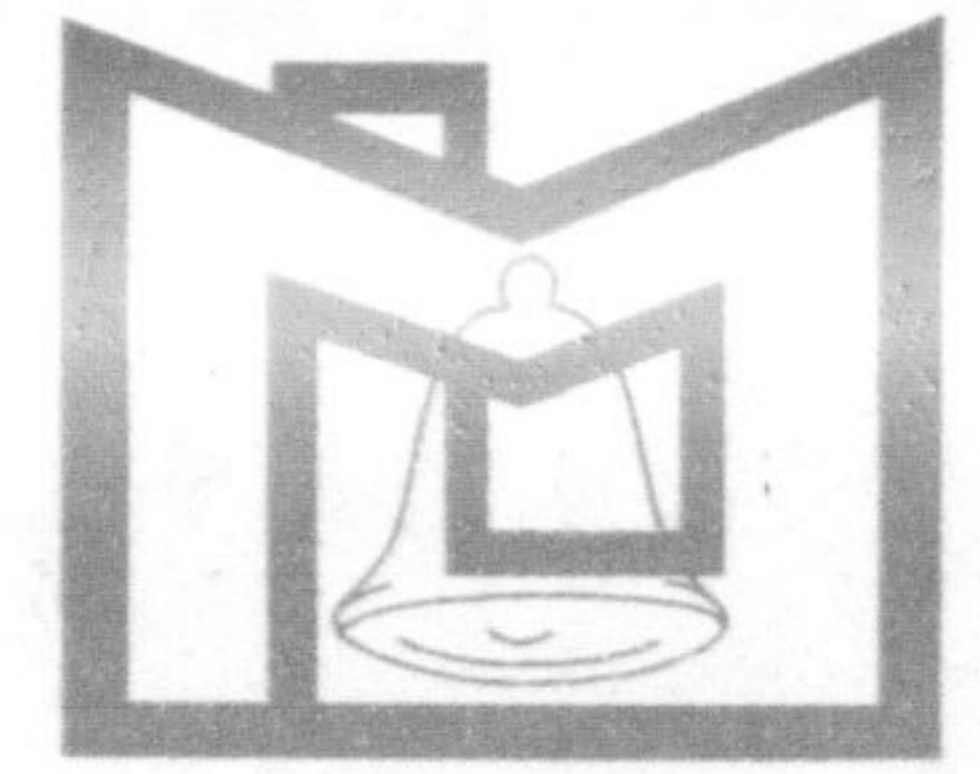


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**LESLIE FITCH**  
Chief Librarian

I'm delighted to be able to report that at the Council Meeting held on Monday, February 25, 2008, Council awarded the contract for the construction of the Milton Public Library - Beaty Branch to Steelcase Construction Inc. This is the essential next step in the development of the project, and I know the Library Board and Staff are deeply pleased by Council's ongoing support.


Many of you must be wondering when you will see changes at the site. The answer is a somewhat unspecific 'soon-ish'. What does that mean? Well, the Town of Milton has applied for grant funding for Beaty Branch through the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative, and as a result, must await notification about the success of the grant before putting a shovel in the ground. Notification will be provided no later than March 31, 2008. You can be sure that everything will be ready to go once this important news is heard.

It has been a wonderful old fashioned winter: for someone like me, who grew up in Victoria, B.C. [a place with few snow expectations] this is the Ontario winter that I've expected but rarely experienced since moving here in 1984. And I remind myself, each time I dig out my driveway, that the snow is good for my garden, good to look at, great for outdoor sports, and it is the weather we tend to dream of in the hot and sticky days of summer. For those of you who are looking for places to enjoy the great winter outdoors, we have a host of resources available for you to help in your planning. For others who prefer a more sheltered winter experience, we have great reads with which to cozy up to the fire. And for others who believe that it is a particular cruelty that this winter is one day longer than normal, we have sunshine destination travel information to help plan a great escape.

March Break is on the horizon, and the Children's staff have developed a great "Out of Africa" program for school aged children. The first two (on March 10 and 11) are for kids 6 and up, while the second two programs (March 12 and 13) are for kids 8 and up. You can see more details about the programs elsewhere on the page.

I would also like to remind you all about some of the great resources available via our web page. From learning what are the Top Ten Milton Reads, registering for email hold notification, searching comprehensive magazine databases, downloading e-audio books and more, the Library's homepage has a host of resources to assist you in your information needs. Library staff also provide links to other online resources on a host of topics, and these are links that have been assessed and chosen by library staff for their completeness and reliability. Look for these under "Best of Web" and use them to refine your searching: multi million Google hits can be improved upon!

Leslie Fitch



## March Break @ Milton Public Library

# Out of AFRICA

<p><b>ONCE UPON AN AFRICAN VILLAGE</b> Monday, March 10 2 p.m. Ages 6 &amp; older An interactive storytelling program featuring drums, song, chants and dance</p>	<p><b>JAMBO MEANS HELLO</b> Tuesday, March 11 2 p.m. Ages 6 &amp; older An introduction to Africa featuring stories, games, crafts and food</p>	<p><b>THE RATTLESNAKE SHOW</b> (no live snakes) Wednesday, March 12 10:30 a.m. Ages 8 &amp; older This unique educational experience features a variety of rattlesnake skins, rattles and fangs. Presented by Brian Krigner</p>	<p><b>AFRICAN MASKS</b> Thursday, March 13 2 p.m. Ages 8 &amp; older Explore your creative side. Come and make an African Mask</p>
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**Register & purchase your tickets at the Children's Information Desk  
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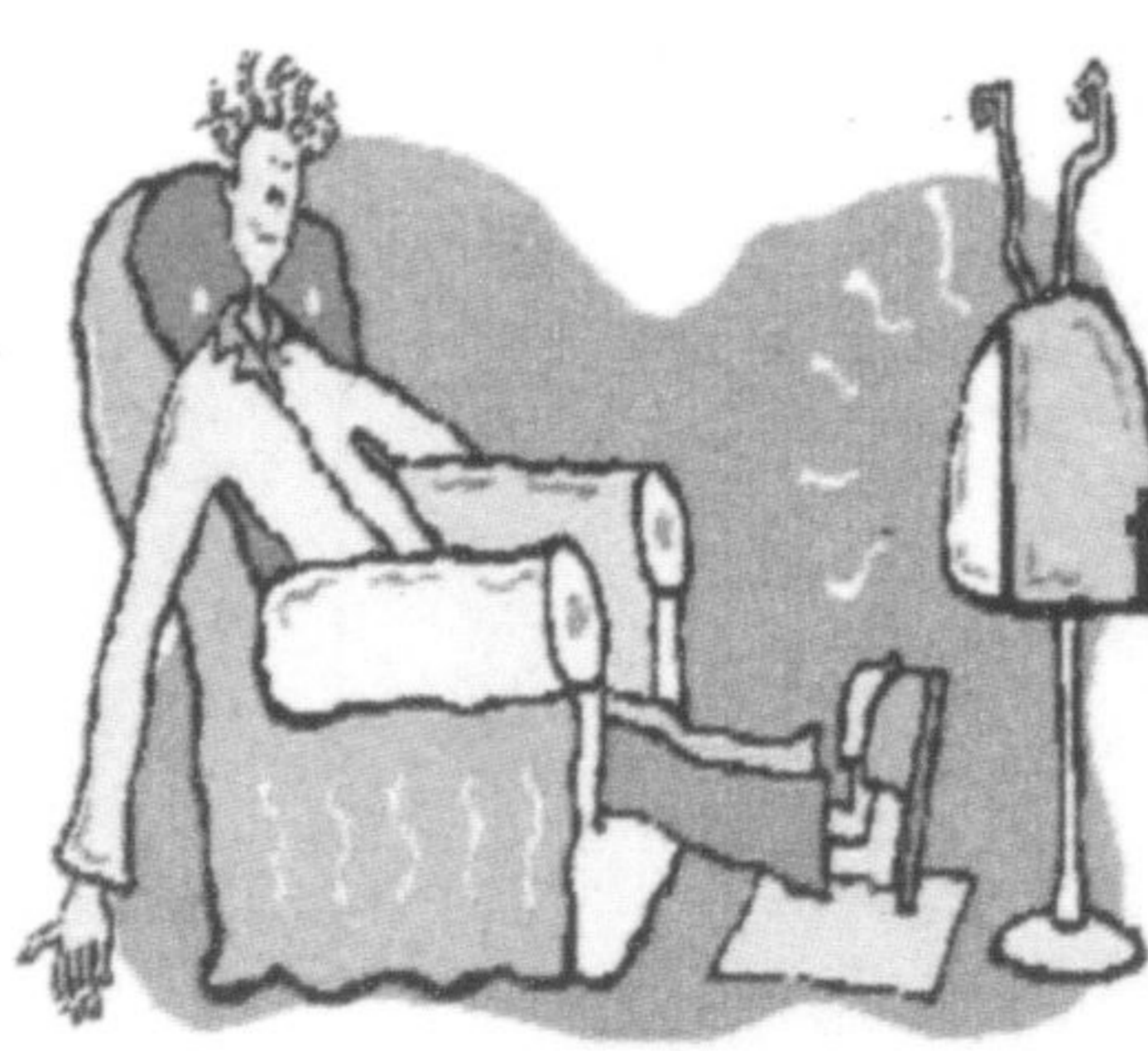
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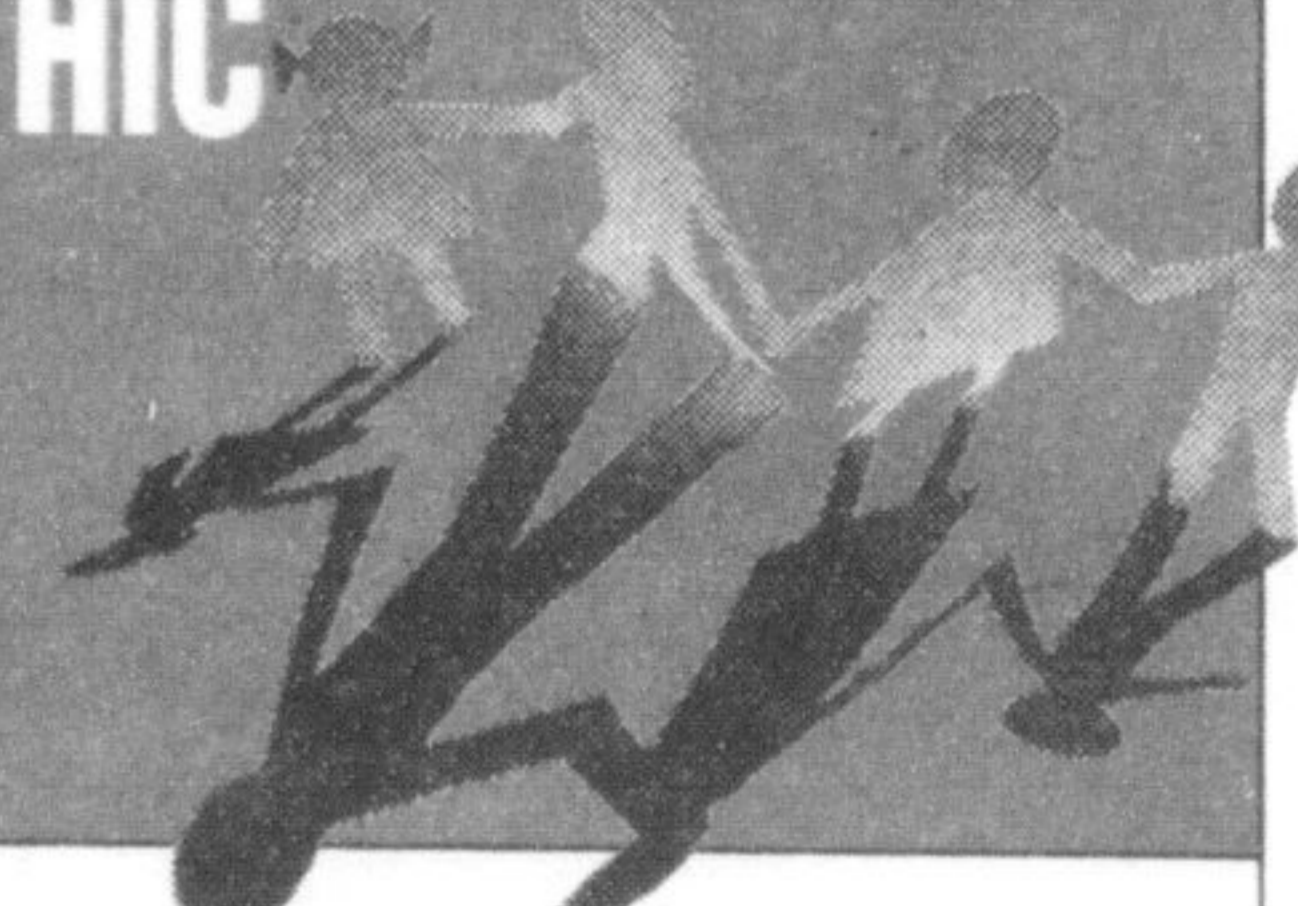
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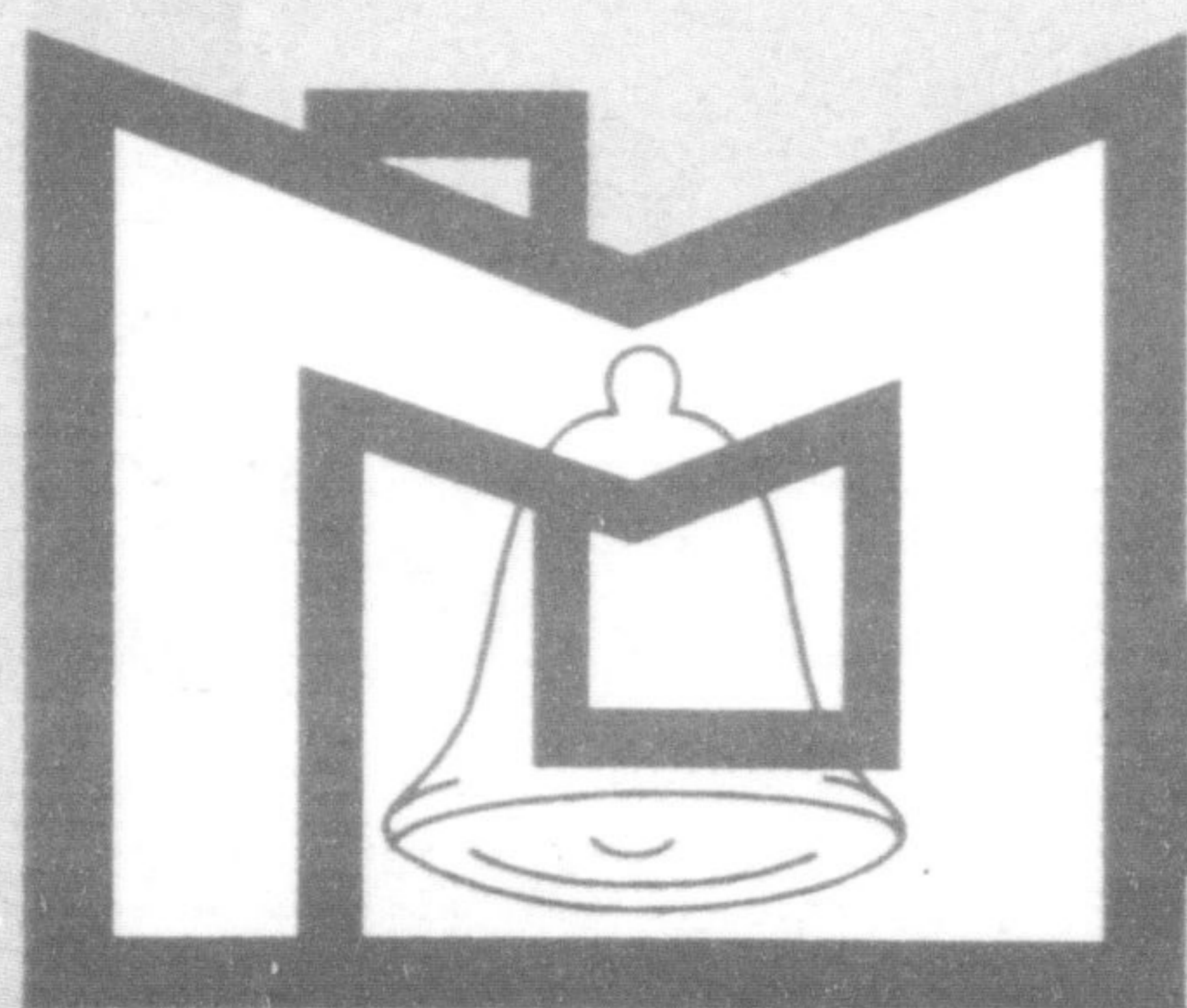


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