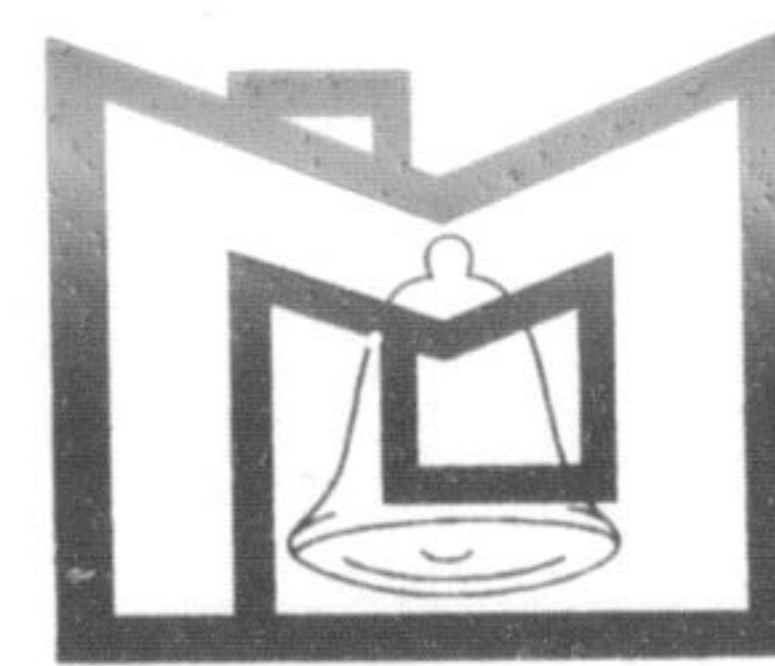


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JULY'S MESSAGE



LESLIE FITCH
Chief Librarian

confident" that the project will be completed in December of this year. We are certainly still planning with this timetable in mind! In advance of the structural steel, the concrete floor slab should be poured very soon.

In July, children's programs are front and centre at the Library. As I finish writing this column, the Library Sleepover is just beginning at the Library. This annual event is one we always look forward to with anticipation, and the kids who come have a great time, too. It is too late for your kids this year - but do keep it in mind for next year. However, it isn't too late for your kids to become involved in our LOL Laugh Out Loud Summer Reading Club. Come by the Library, or visit our home page for more information.

Last month, I talked about our ongoing Teen Short Story contest. The contest closes on August 22nd, so if you are (or know) an aspiring writer, why not consider taking part? We are looking forward to reading as many entries as possible.

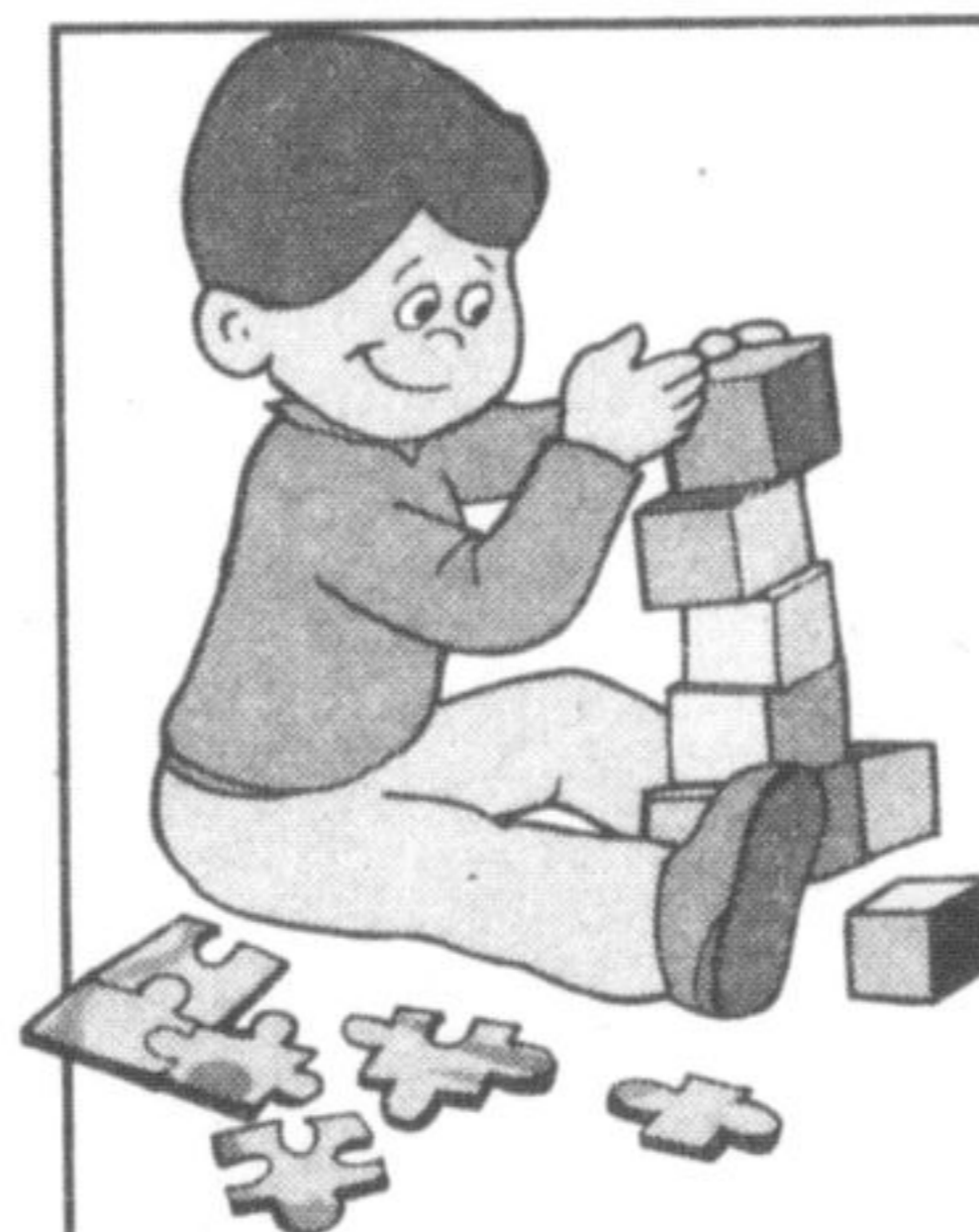
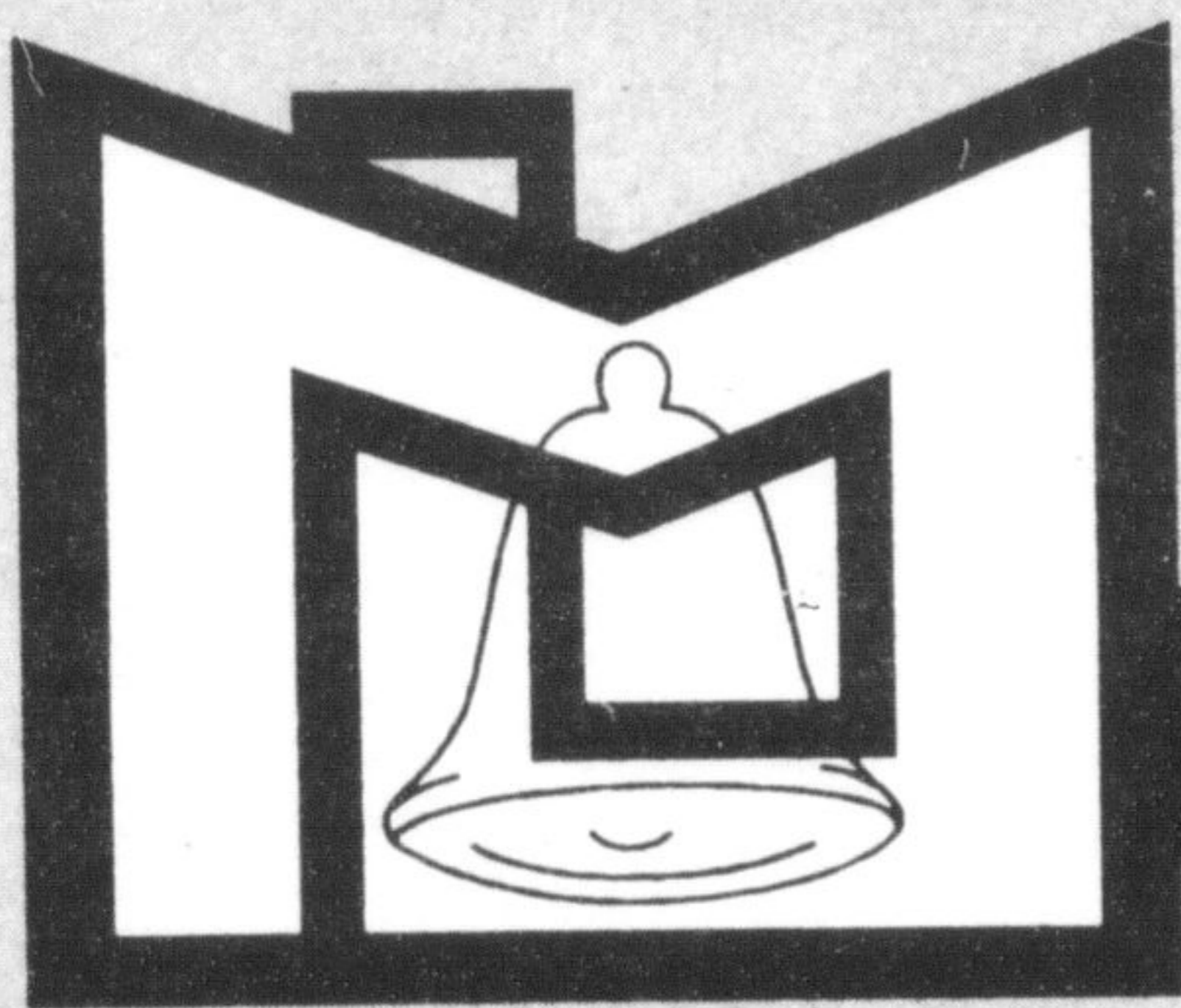
The complications in terms of steel delivery and the Beaty Branch Library are working their way through to resolution. We now anticipate the steel will be delivered toward the end of August. Despite the delay in receiving the structural steel, the contractors are still "99%

If you are interested in reading more about the Branch (or viewing some pictures), take a look at our home page (www.mpl.on.ca) for Beaty Branch News. If you have any questions about the project, don't hesitate to let us know.

At the end of this month, we will be saying farewell to a long-time staff member, Jane MacDonald. Jane has been an important member of the Milton Public Library family for nearly 20 years, and she is leaving us now for a well deserved retirement. As Coordinator of Information Services, Jane has been the driving force behind the multi-faceted collections at the Library, and her dedication and passionate belief in excellent public service has informed the training of all of the staff who work at the Information Desks. She will leave the Library a better place for her hard work, and we wish her well in all of her future endeavours.

I look forward to talking with you next month.

Leslie Fitch Chief Librarian



Preschool Programs

All are drop-in storytimes

RISE'N SHINE
Tuesday 10:00 am
July 8 - August 12
Saturday 10:00 am
July 5 - August 16

Babies and toddlers up to 3 and caregivers

FAMILY STORYTIME
Tuesday 11:00 am
July 8 - August 12
Saturday 11:00 am
July 5 - August 16

Children 3-6. Parents welcome.

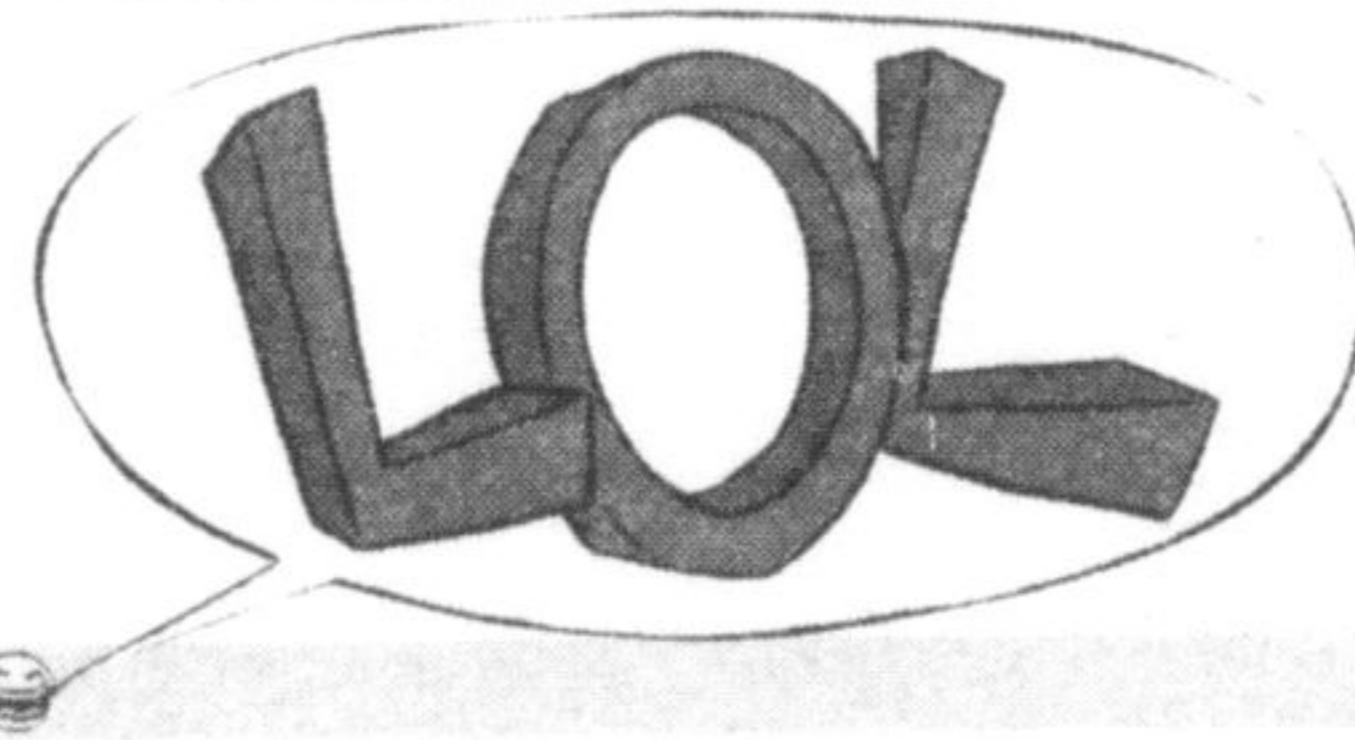
TEDDY BEAR TIME
Thursday 6:45 pm
July 3 - August 14

For children 3 and up. Parents welcome. Bring your Teddy Bear.

STAY AND PLAY

Thursday
10:00 am - 12:00 noon
July 3 - August 14

Babies & toddlers up to 3 and caregivers



SUMMER READING 2008

Junior Jesters

(Read aloud club for children 3 - 5 years old)
Wrap-up Party - Monday, August 25 (10:30-11:30)

LOL - Laugh Out Loud

(For children who can read on their own)
Wrap-up Party - Monday August 25, (2-3:30)

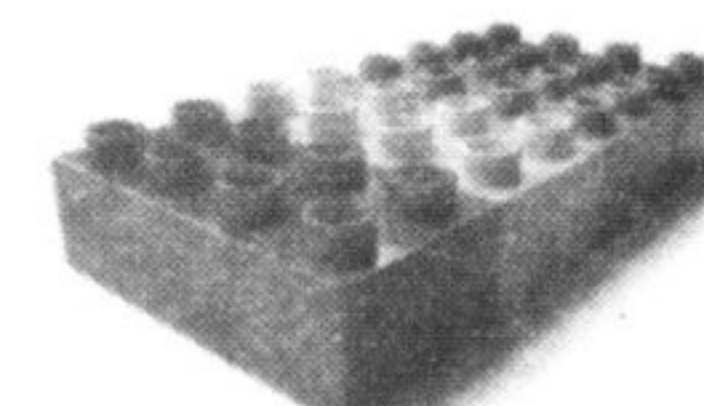
Author - Helaine Becker

Teen Summer Reading Club

(Young adult summer reading club for ages 11 and older)
Wrap-up Party - Monday August 25, 12noon (pizza lunch & draw)

WEDNESDAY SPECIALS

2:00pm - 3:30pm • All programs \$3 each
Ages 6 - 10. Please pre-register



Lego Competition
August 6

Prizes for many categories. Pick up a copy of the rules when registering.



Roald Dahl Day
August 13

Fun with Dahl's favourite characters: Charlie, BFG, Matilda and more

Put Pen To Paper:

Short Story Contest For Teens

Do you have a knack for writing stories? Then why not enter the Library's short story contest for teens?

Ages 12-14:

• 1st place \$100 • 2nd place \$50

Ages 15-18:

• 1st place \$100 • 2nd place \$50

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