This exhibit highlights the University of Illinois Library’s collection of occult materials supported by an endowment established by the late Merten J. Mandeville, a Professor of Management at UIUC. Under the terms of the endowment, works of a serious nature, and those which emphasize the positive aspects of the occult are acquired.

The primary subject areas for which materials are collected are astrology; the divinatory arts and palmistry; esoteric religion and mysticism; occult techniques for health, happiness and success; psychical phenomena and research, including clairvoyance, ESP and out-of-body experiences; spiritualism, including apparitions, mediumship, and reincarnation; unidentified flying objects; and witchcraft and magic.

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**PARAPSYCHOLOGY & THE OCCULT**

Parapsychology is the study of mental phenomena excluded from or that cannot be explained by orthodox scientific psychology, i.e., hypnosis, telepathy.

The occult encompasses magic, alchemy, astrology, theosophy, or other practical arts that are secret or of a mysterious nature.


**WITCHCRAFT, WICCA, NEO-PAGANISM, & MAGIC(K)**

Witchcraft, wicca, and neo-paganism are modern religions or spiritual movements that claim origins in pagan traditions.

Magic(k) is sometimes spelled with a “K” to distinguish it from the type of magic used for entertainment.


**ASTROLOGY & DIVINATION**

Astrology is the study of the movements and positions of celestial bodies interpreted as having influence on human affairs.

Divination is the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means, i.e., dowsing, tarot, oracles, palmistry, runes.


Use the Most Popular Methods of Fortune Telling.
London: Piatkus.


Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)

The study of unidentified flying objects includes extraterrestrials, flying saucers, Roswell, and other unexplained alien-related events.


Huyghe, Patrick. 1996. The Field Guide to Ex-


**CRYPTOZOOLOGY**

Cryptozoology is the study of creatures found in myth, folklore and legend, i.e., Loch Ness Monster, Vampires, Werewolves, Big Foot.


Aventures Unlimited Press.


**Cereology**

*Cereology is the study of crop circles.*


**Cryptogeography**

*Cryptogeography is the study of mythical and mysterious places, i.e., Atlantis, Bermuda Triangle.*


**SPIRITUALISM, PARANORMAL, & PSYCHIC PHENOMENA**

Spiritualism includes information on astral projection, mediumship, reincarnation, and séances.

Paranormal phenomena include ghosts, apparitions, poltergeists, hauntings, mysterious happenings, spontaneous combustion, and other unexplained events.

Psychic phenomena include information on psychics, psychic experiences, clairvoyance, and other phenomena associated with powers of the mind.


For more information and resources on the Merten J. Mandeville Collection in the Occult Sciences, please visit the Education and Social Science Library (100 Main Library) or online at: www.library.uiuc.edu/edx/mandev.htm.

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