GUIDE TO THE MANDEVILLE COLLECTION
IN THE OCCULT SCIENCES

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

The Mandeville Collection is an endowed collection of more than 16,000 items relating to the occult sciences and parapsychology. In 1966, Merten J. Mandeville, retiring University of Illinois Professor of Commerce, donated his private collection of 400 titles and created a fund for new acquisitions. The collection now includes books and journals, with strengths in astrology and witchcraft. Selected new acquisitions are housed in the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL), but many of the approximately 16,000 titles are located in the Main Library Bookstacks. Rare items, such as an early 16th century work on astrology, are housed in the Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Related materials may also be found in the other campus libraries.

Mandeville made two stipulations on the donation. First, he asked that no Mandeville funds be used to purchase materials on black magic. Second, he requested that a separate and complete catalog of the collection be maintained and that the books themselves remain out in the open where anyone could browse through them. This was to ensure that the collection was not hidden away and that materials could easily circulate.

Items received through the endowment 1984-1998 and 2003-present can be found in the online library catalog by using "Mandeville Collection" as subject words in an advanced search. A card catalog in the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL) lists items purchased before 1984.
LOCATION OF MATERIALS

All titles listed in this guide are located in the Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL) Reference Collection unless otherwise noted.

The location SSHEL RCC indicates the item is in the SSHEL Reference Circulating Collection.

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Designations:

- Online books and reference material; including dictionaries, encyclopedias, and handbooks; which can be accessed from the Library Catalog (http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-uiu/).
- Online databases and journals; including abstract, index, article, review, and book review databases; which can be accessed from the Online Journals & Databases (http://sfx.carli.illinois.edu/sfxuiu/az).

Questions? Contact SSHEL via email (sshel@library.illinois.edu), phone (217-244-1864), online chat (http://www.library.illinois.edu/askus/), or in person (SSHEL North – Room 100 and SSHEL South – Room 101, Main Library).

Print and PDF subject guides are updated yearly. The online subject guides may be updated more frequently.

CALL NUMBERS

Call numbers are groups of numbers and/or letters that classify library items by subject. Items are arranged on bookshelves by call number. The Social Sciences, Health, and Education Library (SSHEL) uses both the Dewey Decimal and Library of Congress classification systems.

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### ASTROLOGY

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

Search terms: astrology; horoscopes; horary astrology; zodiac; natal astrology.


Useful for astrologers needing geographical coordinates and the history of time changes to construct charts, this source is arranged alphabetically by state. Each state includes time tables, a list of counties, and a list of cities and towns including county name, latitude, longitude and time equivalent of the longitude. Includes tables for calculating sidereal time, and solar-sidereal time correction (acceleration).


Cross-references concepts in standard English and astrological terminology for translation of everyday objects into astrological symbols and vice versa. Includes an explanation of how to use the book, an alphabetical index of keywords, keywords by house, and a bibliography.

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The Complete Idiot’s Guide Astrology Dictionary. 2010. This dictionary defines a broad sampling of astrological terminology. Most entries include both a definition of the term and an interpretive discussion portion. Entries also include symbols indicating the “Astro Theme,” or area of astrology to which a term refers. An introduction explains entry structure and symbol categories; a brief appendix offers three different versions of astrology wheels.


Cereology is the study of crop circles.

Search terms: crop circles.

Crop Circles Revealed: Language of the Light Symbols. 2001. In addition to a comprehensive examination of crop circles, this book contains color photographs of circles with a description of each one. Includes a glossary and bibliographic references.

Crop Circles: Exploring the Designs and Mysteries. 2002. Contains a number of large, color photographs, a concise history of crop circles, and information about the search for causes and creators. Also contains a bibliography.

Crop Circles: the Greatest Mystery of Modern Times. 1999. Examines crop circles from a variety of aspects, including physical and emotional effects, remote effects, and effects on animals. Also contains a number of photographs, some in color. Includes a key to crop circle silhouettes, bibliography, and index.

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CRYPTOGEOGRAPHY

Cryptogeography is the study of mythical and mysterious places. Most of the works listed here provide general information on numerous mysterious sites. However, some focus on just one location, such as the particularly strong section on Atlantis.

Search terms: Atlantis; Bermuda Triangle; Civilization, Ancient; antiquities; historic sites; extinct cities; curiosities and wonders; geographical myths; imaginary places.

001.94  Atlantis Encyclopedia. 2005.
J774a  Alphabetical listing of terms and individuals related to the study of Atlantis. Offers facts instead of theories. Includes illustrations and bibliography.

398.234  Entries of mysterious and mythical places with numerous photos, maps, and illustrations. Includes gazetteer, bibliography and index.

Main Stacks

M314d  Alphabetical entries of places with sources and cross-references. Includes an index.
2000

930.03  Information on mysterious places divided by location with numerous color illustrations and maps. Includes gazetteer, bibliography and index.
W659e

Main Stacks

909  Provides overviews of mysterious places divided by categories. Entries include maps, illustrations and photographs. Also offers a gazetteer listing the mysterious places by geographic location, as well as a glossary and index.
At652
1998

Main Stacks

G859e  Alphabetical entries of ancient mysteries and lost civilizations. Contains cross-references, bibliography and index.

CRYPTOZOOLOGY

Cryptozoology is the study of creatures found in myth, folklore and legend.

Search terms: Animals, Mythical; Cryptozoology; Loch Ness Monster; Vampires; Werewolves; Big Foot.

QL 89.2  The Bigfoot Book: The Encyclopedia of Sasquatch, Yeti, and Cryptid Primates.
.S2 R43  2016.
2016  This encyclopedia serves as an A to Z guide of cryptid apes from around the world. Also included is an index and a list of suggested websites for further information.

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SSHEL Mandeville Collection 5
Alphabetical entries of mythical and magical creatures. Many descriptions include bolded terms referencing other related entries. Work includes bibliography and index.

Contains 2,744 alphabetic entries about specific creatures, places, people, and groups. Each entry includes a bibliography and short list of sources. Includes multiple appendices: glossary, timeline, filmography, cryptozoology on television, in fiction, internet links, and an index.

Details the eye witness, photographic, video, and sonar and radar evidence of a creature living in Loch Ness. Includes a bibliography and index.

This two volume set is divided into three parts. Part I contains an alphabetical list of detailed descriptions of 1,085 “cryptids,” the objects of study in cryptozoology. Part II offers an annotated list of the 431 species and taxonomic groups discovered since 1900. Part III lists 884 bodies of water thought to contain mysterious creatures. Contains resources for further reading, a geographical index and cryptid index.

**DIVINATION**

Divination is the practice of seeking knowledge of the future or the unknown by supernatural means.

**Search terms:** dowsing; tarot; oracles; palmistry; divination; runes.

Over 400 alphabetical entries on forms of divination, important individuals and tools. Many entries include source lists and graphics. Contains a list of resources and index.

**The Pictorial Key to the Tarot.** 1971.
An overview of the history, symbolism and spiritual aspects of the Tarot. Contains detailed illustrations of each Tarot card. Includes a preface and an annotated bibliography of relevant works. The 1959 edition is located in Main Stacks and online through the library catalog.

**Mysteries of the Runes.** 1994.
Emphasis on the spiritual context of runes and their relationship to the Northern European version of the pagan “Old Religion.” Includes a glossary of Northern Oak Street European mythological and religious terminology, as well as a further reading list/bibliography.

An extensive bibliography of palmistry books, including the oldest books and reviews of classic books in the field. Also contains biographical and historical essays, as well as information about scientific research and medical palmistry.

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Z742z

An alphabetical catalog of items, days, places, and activities and the various superstitions which are associated with them. Entries contain legends, customs, and folklore from cultures involved.

**DREAMS**

**Search terms:** dreams; dream interpretation; dreams—psychology.


154.6303

L548d

This guide to understanding dreams breaks down the process of interpretation into two parts. Section One, *All About Dreaming*, offers the reader an overview of the background and key elements of dream analysis while Section Two, *Dream Dictionary*, examines the interpretation of common dream symbols. Includes a glossary and index.

Dream Reader: Contemporary Approaches to the Understanding of Dreams.

154.63

SH13D

1995.

SSHEL

Stacks

Part I provides general information about sleep and dreams. Part II provides overviews on the major European schools of thought on dream interpretation. Part III provides overviews of specific topics in dream interpretation. Work contains a list of dreams, notes, references, index of authors and names, and a general index.


Online

This book provides interpretations for more than 300 of the most common nightmare images, as well as information about the different types of dreams. An appendix with a glossary of terms is included, along with an appendix on further readings.


BF1091

.A25

2014

An alphabetical list of images that shows up in dreams accompanied by one or multiple definitions. The introduction acts as a guide to help interpret dreams and explains the role of psychology in these dreams.

**ESOTERIC RELIGION & MYSTICISM**

The titles listed here may include information on Druidism, Kabbalah, Santeria and other esoteric religions. Mandeville stipulated that the collection exclude sources on Black Magic; to locate sources on these topics please consult with a librarian.

**Search terms:** religions; Druids; druidism; mysticism.


211.803

C774d

Topics include ideas and concepts relating to atheism, skepticism, humanism, or freethinking; events and organizations for freethinkers; and terminology relevant to these philosophies. Entries are arranged alphabetically, and a calendar of important happenings in history relating to atheism, etc., is at the back.


299.1

M291L:E

Main Stacks

Defines terms related to Celtic religion and culture with pronunciation guidance. Includes a list of museums with related collections and a bibliography of other material on Celtic civilization.


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This dictionary provides an overview of world mystic traditions. Each section contains entries on deities, symbols, terminology, and other psychic phenomena, as well as entries on nineteenth- and twentieth-century writers and practitioners of esoteric religions. Illustrations and a short bibliography also included.

Alphaetical entries of religious events, with attention given to the non-Western world. Entries include notes for further reading, cross-references and some black and white photos. Work contains an introduction and index.

Provides alphabetical entries with overviews of religious groups, and an alphabetical list of definitions of related terms. Includes appendices, bibliography and index.

This twenty-volume set provides alphabetical entries for the world's religions, mythologies and magical belief systems. Many entries include graphics, cross-references and bibliographies. Entries also have classified subject guides to direct readers to other information. Volume twenty-one fully indexes the other twenty volumes, both alphabetically and topically.

Spelling magic with a "K" is sometimes used to distinguish it from the type of magic used for entertainment.

Search terms: magic; paganism; witchcraft; ritual.

Contains chapters with overviews of worship and magic(k)al belief systems, as well as chapters on specific geographic locations. Each chapter includes endnotes and bibliography. The work also provides a list of cross references and an index.

Contains encyclopedic entries divided by subject. Part one provides information on beginnings and magic. Part two covers magic and lore. Part three offers information on metal magic. Includes a 16-page color insert, summary tables, resource list, glossary, annotated bibliography and index.

Part one provides an overview of the magical use of herbs. Part two offers an alphabetical list of herbs with information for magical use. Part three contains appendices for finding plants by magical properties, as well as a glossary, list of suppliers, folk name cross-reference, annotated bibliography and index.

Alphabetical entries relating to magic and alchemy, with cross-references and sources for further reading. Includes a bibliography and index.

Q. BF1566.
G72 2011
The book explores the magic-religious beliefs from around the world in chronological order, starting with shamanism and concluding with "Western Magic Today." A bibliography and further readings section is available, along with an index.

PAGANISM

Paganism is an umbrella terms for various religions whose practitioners are inspired by the indigenous, pre-Christian traditions of Europe to develop respectful ways of celebrating human relationships with the wider, other-than-human world. For more detailed information on specific religions, please see the subject section "Witchcraft/Wicca/Neo-Paganism."

Search terms: paganism; witchcraft.

299 Y825p
HPNL
Explores paganism as religion, behavior, and theology. Includes an index, references, and extensive notes.

299.94 P14 Main Stacks
Includes classical texts drawn from ancient literature, "proto-revival" texts from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, and "revival and diversification" texts that illustrate the diverse forms of paganism in the twentieth century. Also suggests further reading and includes an index.

299 P317p HPNL Ref
Alphabetical entries of terms, individuals, groups and events with some cross-references. Includes an introduction and bibliography.

PARANORMAL PHENOMENA

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

Search terms: parapsychology; ghosts; spirits; poltergeists; supernatural.

133.07 As3g 1987
Intended for those interested in extrasensory perception (ESP) and related psychic phenomena, this source provides a comprehensive overview of the available literature, exercises to develop psychic abilities and relevant organizations. Includes bibliographies and listings of research organizations in the U.S. and the U.K.

Q. 133.103
This two volume encyclopedia explores the world of ghosts and spirits which includes mediumship, séance phenomena, psychical research, survival-after-death beliefs, afterlife concepts, folklore customs, angels, demons, etc. Entries are arranged alphabetically. Some entries include cross-references, further readings, and images.


Describes research related to paranormal and unexplained phenomena. Each chapter contains an overview, outline, introduction, references and cross-references. Each volume provides a glossary and a cumulative index.

Contains nearly 400 entries covering “all things supernatural, occult, paranormal, and pseudoscientific” for both skeptics and believers. Provides available evidence on each topic and additional sources. Entries range in length and offer references and cross-references. Provides bibliography, subject index and name index.

**PARAPSYCHOLOGY AND THE OCCULT**

Search terms: parapsychology; occultism; occult sciences.

Over 2,800 entries on terms, concepts and persons associated with mysticism, magic, spiritualism, alchemy, necromancy, and astrology.

This dictionary provides brief background information on the subjects and terms pertaining to the “paranormal, supernatural or simply ‘the strange.’” Arranged alphabetically, these 1,250+ entries are interspersed with essay-style panels that provide a more detailed overview of key subject areas. A “Panels” page at the start of the dictionary lists subjects and cases of particular interest.

Two volumes with alphabetical entries on the occult sciences, magic, demonology, superstitions, spiritualism, mysticism, metaphysics, psychical science and parapsychology. Many entries have sources and cross-references. Includes a list of Internet resources, general bibliography and general index.

A combined journal/abstracting service for parapsychology and other "exceptional human experience." "Part I: Text" contains an editorial and original research articles. "Part II: Abstracts" features abstracts of journal articles, books, book chapters, dissertations, pamphlets, research reports, and conference proceedings. Abstracts are arranged by classified category. Authors, title, and subject indexes are included.
Psychic phenomena include information on psychics, psychic experiences, clairvoyance, and other phenomena associated with powers of the mind.

Search terms: psychics; clairvoyance; parapsychology.


Founded in 1892 by a distinguished group of Cambridge scholars, the Society for Psychical Research was the first of its kind to examine allegedly paranormal phenomena in a scientific and unbiased way. This catalogue is a listing of the society's library holdings in separate title and author sections.


Defines, describes, and annotates mystical and parapsychological terms from both the past and present. Terms are in alphabetical order and cross-referenced. A bibliography and a guide to using the dictionary provided. Seven appendices cover such topics as parapsychology study courses, terms arranged by psychic skills, synonyms of popular key words, and clarification of common psychic terms.


Guidebook prepared under the auspices of the Society for Psychical Research. Contains 30 chapters, each devoted to a specific paranormal topic, with a separate bibliography of citations. Contains person/entity and subject indexes. Also lists parapsychological organizations and graduate degree programs in psychical research.

SSHEL Stack

An in-depth look at the world of psychics and the paranormal, covering topics such as psychic ability, as well as the tools used by professional in the trade. This book also looks at the techniques used by fake psychics to swindle their customers. The two appendices provide a historical overview and a list of resources.

133.9
B856s


Explores spirit communication and related subjects, including clairvoyance, ghosts, ESP and channeling. Details the history of the field and significant individuals including both frauds and skeptics. Each entry contains a list of sources. Includes a guide to resources for further information and a subject index.

**SPIRITUAL HEALING & WELLNESS**

The titles listed here are concerned with alternative healing practices including aura cleansing, herbalism, reiki, and chakra healing.

Search terms: chakras; herbalism; herbals; alternative medicine; medicine, magic, mystic, and spagiric; holistic healing; holistic medicine; phytotherapy; plants, medicinal.

615.882
L664H

_Herbalism_. 1996.

Contains a glossary, bibliography, useful addresses, plant index and general index.

Oak Street

615.5025
M264h


Provides resources for those conducting research on both complementary and alternative health care. Directs the reader to books, journals, electronic and web resources, associations and library collections.

**SPIRITUALISM**

Titles listed here may include information on astral projection, mediumship, reincarnation, and séances.

Search terms: spiritualism; astral projection; reincarnation; séances; mediums.

133.903
W41d


Defines terms and individuals relevant to the field of spiritualism.

Main Stacks

016.1339013
K21R

_Reincarnation: a Selected Annotated Bibliography_. 1996.

Provides titles and descriptions of works in the area of reincarnation, including both pro-reincarnation and anti-reincarnation texts. The list is arranged alphabetically by author. An appendix lists organizations concerning with reincarnation.

**UFOs**

The titles listed here pertain to the subject of extraterrestrials, flying saucers, Roswell, and other UFO-related topics.
Search terms: alien abduction; flying saucers; unidentified flying objects; human-alien encounters; life on other planets.

Over 400 entries of alien facts and fallacies from the earliest recorded accounts through the present, including UFOs, alien encounters and extraterrestrial life in fiction and film. Includes information for both believers and non-believers.

This source is an illustrated A-to-Z encyclopedia that explores modern-day beliefs, personalities, beings, and events of encounters with extraterrestrials. Some suggestions for further readings follow the entries. Includes a subject index.

Subjects are arranged alphabetically. Entries include cross-references to relevant articles within the encyclopedia, as well as to other works related to the search for extraterrestrial life. Includes index, timeline and list of relevant websites.

A unique, geographically arranged index of primary sources which document observations of UFOs, apparitions, and a multitude of other paranormal phenomena. Limited to observations in the United States and Canada.

001.94203 R159l  The Little Giant Encyclopedia of UFOs. 2000.
Lists all relevant UFO case histories from prehistoric times to the present, making a note of the relevance of each (military, government, TV, etc.). Also provides a section with advice on what to do in the event of a sighting and a list of organizations.

Alphabetical entries focus on incidents that are infamous or pertinent to the history of the UFO phenomenon. The author rejects the notion UFOs support the “extraterrestrial hypothesis” and instead contextualizes UFOs in the realm of paranormal and occult phenomenon. Includes definitions of common terminology and an index.

WITCHCRAFT / WICCA / NEO-PAGANISM

The following titles provide an introduction to the religions of witchcraft, Wicca and Neo-Paganism.

Search terms: witchcraft; magic; paganism; Goddess Religion; neopaganism; neopagans.

133.40973 AD5D  Drawing Down the Moon: Witches, Druids, Goddess-Worshippers, and Other Pagans in America Today. 1986
1986
Main Stacks
Provides an overview of Neo-Pagans and practitioners of Wicca. Reports on a questionnaire distributed in 1985 to self-identified Neo-Pagans. Includes appendices with the questionnaire, ritual descriptions, references, and a list of resources.

2011
Written by neo-Pagan practitioners, the encyclopedia includes entries about rituals and sacred rites, beliefs and practices, practitioners and new expressions of neo-paganism

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after 1900 with an international scope. An appendix about the semiotics of witchcraft is also included.

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G881e  

Alphabetical entries describe concepts, people, and organizations. Liberal use of black and white images and illustrations. Appendices include wiccan verses, publications, organizations, merchants. Contains a bibliography and index.

BF1566.  
E56  
2006  

Four volumes with alphabetical entries of terms, individuals, groups, places and objects relevant to witchcraft in the west, primarily focusing on the time between the 1420s and 1750. Entries include references and cross-references. Indexed.

Undergrad  

BF1566.  
B25 2012  

The second edition of Historical Dictionary of Witchcraft covers the history of witchcraft from 1750 through the modern day. Dictionary has 300 cross-referenced entries on witch hunts, witchcraft trials, and related practices around the world and has an extensive bibliography.

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Guide to a comprehensive microfilm collection on 104 reels. The core of the collection is the renowned Witchcraft Collection at Cornell University’s Olin Library (see Witchcraft Catalogue): http://ebooks.library.cornell.edu/w/witch/.

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