

# She studies UFO encounters of any kind

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She's never had an "encounter" of any kind ("Nor do I have an unidentified flying object in my back yard," she laughed), but Mildred Bieseles has spent years studying the information available about UFOs and believes they are real.

Mrs. Bieseles, state director of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON), will lecture about the history of the UFO phenomenon and give a slide presentation on the subject April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Kearns Branch Library. She also will present the program May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Holladay Branch Library.

"I first became interested when I listened to a radio program where people called in to discuss their experiences with UFOs," Mrs. Bieseles said.

"These people sounded puzzled, sincere and normal. I have always had a curious mind and wanted to know more."

There is a lot of information available.

#### UFO News Service

"Along with books written by scientists and researchers, such as J. Allen Hynek, former professor of as-

tronomy, Ohio State University, Dayton, and a NASA adviser, there is a UFO newscipping service that gathers news reports of UFO sightings all over the world," she said.

"Sightings and encounters occur regularly and are reported in local newspapers. These stories are not necessarily picked up by every paper."

Mrs. Bieseles explained the level of encounters named by Dr. Hynek.

"An encounter of the first kind is a sighting within 300 feet of a structured object," she said.

"An encounter of the second kind is a physical impact. This could be inflamed eyes of the observer or something like a dehydrated place on the ground where the object landed.

"An encounter of the third kind is a meeting with the 'alien,' or humanoid in the UFO."

Mrs. Bieseles said that detailed studies have been made concerning the experiences of people who have had encounters of the third kind.

"In a documented study of UFO abductions, these people have nothing in common — education, financial background, age — except that it is agreed that all have had a traumatic experience," she said.

"And, in the few interviews I have had with people who have had such an experience, I believe them. I believe that they believe in their experience."

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She admits that the sensationalists are embarrassing.

"I never buy those sensational papers sold in the supermarkets, but I get the UFO clipping service so I am aware of the stories."

"The interesting thing is that careful follow-up shows that even these sensationalized stories have solid basis."

Mrs. Bieseles said that while many people accept the fact of UFOs, there are questions about where they come from.

"Some hypothesize UFOs are from another world or outer space. Perhaps they move through time or go through a black hole. Perhaps there are more than four dimensions," she said.

Mrs. Bieseles said that from eyewitness reports, the encounters of the third kind have changed in tone during the years.

"In the 50s, encounters were reported as positive, cheerful messages. The recent encounters don't bring messages but seem to be of a more investigative nature, like someone doing a doctoral study."

As for herself, Mrs. Bieseles is a believer.

"There always is a reservation, I suppose. I never have had an encounter. But the investigation of UFOs has been called the biggest challenge of the century. And it certainly is interesting."

For more information about the presentation, contact the Salt Lake County Library System.



Mildred Bieseles' curiosity spiked her interest in Unidentified Flying Objects.

She is state director of Mutual UFO Network and will present library lectures.

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