



George Eberhart shows off books in the UFO library

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## UFO book lists the ridiculous and the sublime

CHICAGO (AP) — George Eberhart has never seen a flying saucer or been taken hostage by a creature from another planet, but after compiling a list of more than 15,000 books and reports about UFOs, he's pretty sure there is something to the stories.

"That there is some phenomenon out there which behaves at odds with what we consider reality seems pretty well established from the evidence I have seen," he said.

Eberhart is an editor for an American Library Association magazine in Chicago, but he volunteers his time to serve as librarian for the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies in suburban Glenview. The library was named for the former head of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University.

Eberhart's two-volume book, "UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography," has more than 1,300 pages listing titles of books, articles, records, tapes and unpublished works on unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.

The work is published by Scarecrow Press, Metuchen, N.J., and was released in December.

Eberhart agrees that some of the material he listed is far-fetched, such as a book called "UFOs: Nazi Secret Weapon?" The book says Adolph Hitler and other Nazis escaped from Germany in 1945 and have survived in a colony at the South Pole, their base for an air force of flying saucers.

"I didn't want to ignore anything, no matter how ridiculous it might seem," he said.

The list has more than 15,600 entries, including more than 5,500 books in English, 2,200 books in other languages and magazines such as the Flying Saucer Review and the International UFO Reporter.

One listing is for a 1957 record album called "Music from Another Planet," on which Howard Menger plays songs he said were taught to him by a man from Saturn.

Eberhart's two-volume set has 158 chapters on different types of listings. One chapter is on UFO abductions, in which people report they were kidnapped by aliens and later released.

Another is on animal mutilations, where extraterrestrials are suspected of killing cattle or other animals and surgically removing organs. There are two chapters on UFO cases before 1945, some reaching back 2,500 years to the Roman Empire.

Eberhart, 36, said he has been interested in UFOs since he was a teen-ager. In the 1960s and 1970s, he said, people reported many sightings, but a decline occurred from about 1981 until a year ago, when things began picking up again.

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