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George Eberhart takes a break to show some books on UFOs.

Certain of UFO phenomenon, says compiler

CHICAGO (AP) — George Eberhart has never seen a flying saucer, but after compiling a list of more than 15,600 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 Friday in a telephone interview.

Eberhart is an editor of 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.

Eberhart's two-volume, 1,300-page work, "UFOs and the Extraterrestrial Contact Movement: A Bibliography," lists titles of books, articles, records, tapes and unpublished works on unidentified flying objects, or UFOs.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 said he wrote it for libraries and for collectors of UFO materials.

"I collect it not because I believe it's all true, but because it's very important, not only to (give possible) evidence of extraterrestrial life, but also because of the impact the UFO phenomenon has had on the human race," he said.

He agrees that some of the material he listed is far-fetched, such as a book called "UFOs: Nazi Secret Weapon?" It says Adolf 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's entries include 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 played songs he said were taught to him by a man from Saturn.

The bibliography has 158 chapters on different types of listings.