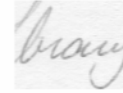


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Literature of the occult theme
for WLU course at Kitchener library

Witchcraft, reincarnation, alchemy, and theories of dreams will be some of the areas explored in a course on the literature of the occult to be offered by Wilfrid Laurier University beginning in January.

The course, which can be taken for credit, or for interest only at no charge, will be offered Monday nights in the Kitchener library beginning Jan. 9.

Dr. Michael Ballin of the WLU English department, who will teach the course, will be sharing his own deep interest in the subject.

"The scientific-rationalist way of thinking has dominated our thinking through most of this century," he said. "But now there is a new interest in intuition, instinct, clairvoyance and the whole concept of the study of inner-space instead of outer space."

The course will look at such books as *The Exorcist*, on which the famous movie was based, and other books dealing with aspects of the occult.

Dr. Ballin said there will be room for discussion of such topics as astrology and demonic possession, depending on the interests of those taking the course.