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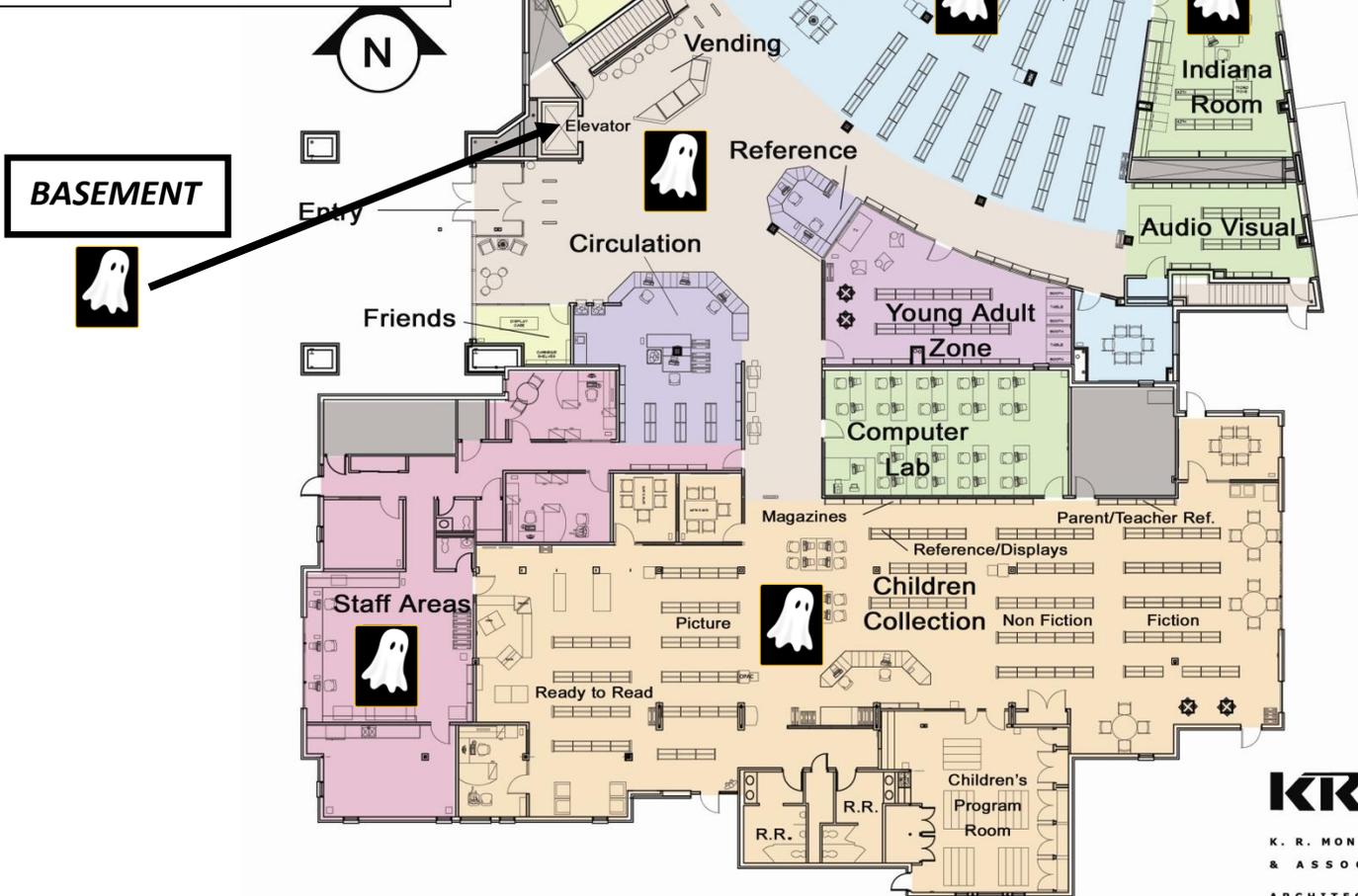
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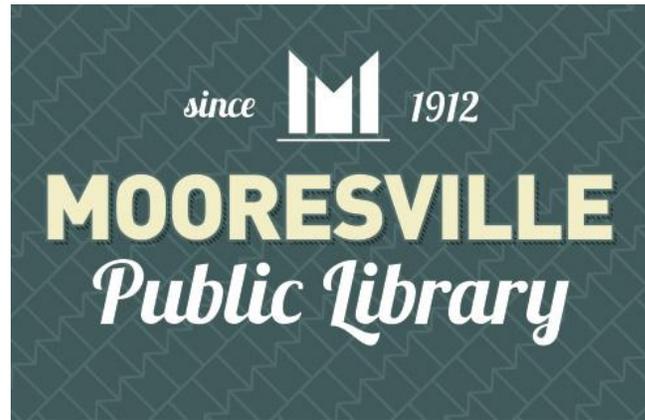
**CHECK THE MAP (ON BACK)
TO SEE WHERE PARANORMAL
ACTIVITIES HAVE OCCURRED**

Paranormal Activities: Rapping & knocking on tables and walls; sudden drops in temperature; hearing voices on sound recordings that were not spoken by anyone present; flashlight turning itself on and off in response to questions asked aloud; electrical devices inexplicably malfunctioning; books moving off shelves by themselves (psychokinesis); doors opening by themselves; hearing singing when nobody was present and no electronic devices were operating; computers turning themselves on & off, showing images not loaded in computer memory.

Hoosier Ghost Investigators (HGI) (<http://www.hoosierghostinvestigators.com>) investigated MPL for paranormal activities in the summer of 2012.

Mooresville Public Library





PARANORMAL ACTIVITIES AT MPL

During Summer, 2012, [Hoosier Ghost Investigators \(HGI\)](#) visited Mooreville Public Library to determine if any paranormal activity would occur. Using EM (electromagnetic) and temperature measuring equipment, audio/video recording devices, and other electronic or computerized equipment, the HGI team explored the entire library looking for paranormal events. The HGI team scientifically investigates paranormalities using sophisticated technologies, careful observational techniques, and critical, objective (but open-minded) analytical inquiry.

Here is a brief summary of some paranormal activities that occurred during the investigation. Unless otherwise noted, all statements occurred during HGI's investigation (Summer, 2012). The events described were reported by experienced observers trained in critical thinking and careful, detailed observation.

- **Library Basement**

- **Type of Paranormality: Psychokinesis (PK), Purportedly Disembodied Communication**
- The HGI team asked if any non-physical entity present could communicate by turning a flashlight on and off in response to specific questions. Asking yes/no questions, the HGI team received apparently intelligent responses, as the flashlight beam was non-mechanically turned off and on. (In other words, nobody touched the flashlight, and the mechanical on/off switch was not activated.) The flashlight was functioning properly; there were no signs of electrical shorts, defects in the light bulb, or other mechanical problems to explain the observed effects. Spontaneous noises (e.g., “knocks”) were also heard throughout the basement.
- The HGI team captured some video using somebody's cell phone (to view, click these hyperlinks: [005](#), [006](#), [007](#)).

- **Library Indiana Room**

- **Type of Paranormality: Psychokinesis (PK)**

- In 2006, shortly after MPL opened its new addition, Marylou Smith, Indiana Room Librarian, was working alone in the Indiana Room with the doors closed. She heard a “click” (like a doorknob turning a latch) and saw the doors slowly opening *by themselves*. These doors are hung in such a way that they require pressure to be applied to open them; when at rest, they remain shut. Some force would have been required to open the doors. Nobody else was present in the vicinity of the Indiana Room at the time of the occurrence, and no string or wires were found attached to the door handle.

- As one of the HGI team was taking EM/temperature readings in the Indiana Room, he heard a thump as a book spontaneously moved from a shelf onto the floor several feet away. The shelf upon which the book had been sitting was shelved tightly amongst other books, so that the book could only have been removed by an application of force (e.g., somebody physically pulling it from the shelf). The book could not have fallen off the shelf because of gravity.

- **Various Library Locations (Youth Services, Adult Stacks, Community Room, Indiana Room, Basement)**

- **Type of Paranormality: Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP), Temperature Changes, Spontaneous Noises, EM Phenomena**

- Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP), sudden, inexplicable temperature changes, and spontaneous noises (“knocks”) were recorded at various places throughout the library.

- For many years, the library has had an unusually high incidence of light bulbs burning out prematurely. There have also been frequent, unexplained glitches with computer equipment. Electric wiring and computer equipment have been checked, but no ordinary faults have been found to explain this behavior. Paranormal investigators have noted that spontaneous electromagnetic (EM) interference (generated in a paranormal way) could explain such occurrences.

- **Paranormal Activities in 2013-2014:** The MPL maintenance staff has observed strange phenomena at night after the library has closed. These include: (1) computers spontaneously turning themselves on and off, without any ordinary explanation (i.e., the computers had no automatic command settings to turn on or off, and no one present activated them)—these computers stayed on only long enough to display an image of a woman dressed in black; (2) a woman's voice singing from mid-air in the Grand Hall, when nobody (other than maintenance staff) was physically present in the building, and no electronic devices were operating that could play a recording or receive a radio, television, or Internet transmission; (3) doors opening and closing by themselves; and (4) objects placed in one location mysteriously appearing in other locations without being moved by anyone present.

- **From Parapsychology to Folklore**

- Let's move from psychical science to folklore. Haunted places as folklore become part of a society's legendary collective storytelling. As stories passing through the cultural consciousness, they are interesting without the need for veridical evidence. As such, we may speculate freely about possible causes. Some of the purportedly spiritualistic communications secured in the library basement appeared to come from disembodied entities identifying themselves as former MPL director [Bonita Marley](#) (1906-2002) and Mooresville school teacher and librarian [Marian Adams](#) (1920-2000). Although this has not been verified as genuine spiritual interchange (from a parapsychological standpoint), it makes for great folklore stories.