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Places & Spaces Exhibit Opens at The New York Public Library: 4/3/0

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Places & Spaces: Mapping Science
Healey Hall - Science, Industry and Business Library
The New York Public Library
April 3 - August 31, 2006


The Places & Spaces online version describes the exhibition as follows:

Today, the word "science" encompasses myriad arenas of physical and abstract inquiry. This unique exhibition, at the Healy Hall in midtown Manhattan, uses innovative mapping techniques to physically show what and where science is today, how different branches of science relate to each other and where different branches of study are heading, where cutting edge science is erupting as archipelagos in the oceans of the yet unknown - and how it all relates back to the physical centers of research. The world of science is turning into a navigable landscape.

Modern mapping imagery has come a long way from Ptolemy. In this stimulating show compelling for all ages and backgrounds, audiences will both visually and tactically uncover contemporary scientific thought has expanded. Such visualization of scientific progress is approached through computer-generated relationships, featured on large panels as well the collaboration of New York based artists W. Bradford Paley, Digital Image Design Incorporated and Columbia University and Ingo Gunther with renowned scientists from the field of scientometrics: Eugene Garfield, Henry Small, Andre Skupin, Steven A. Morris, Kevin Boyack and Dick Klavans.

Scientists will be stimulated, students and teachers encouraged, and the general public fascinated by this multi-layered accessible approach to the worlds of modern scientific thought.

Dr. Börner, along with IU SLIS students and staff Bruce Herr (software developer), John Burgoon (student), and Todd Holloway (Computer Science Ph.D. student) - all who contributed to the exhibition - will attend the Opening Reception on April 3, 2006, 6:00-7:30 p.m. A set of 22 science maps will be presented to NYPL at the opening.

The exhibition will be on view from April 3 to August 31, 2006, in the Science, Industry and Business Library, Healy Hall of NYPL - 188 Madison Avenue at 34th Street, New York, NY. The exhibition will be managed by John Ganly, Assistant Director for Collections, NYPL.

A printable brochure about the exhibit is available on the New York Public Library website.

The online exhibition also provides detailed descriptions of the maps and their makers, a schedule of showings, and a listing of the exhibit's advisory board.

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