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## Hands-on Science Puzzle Maps for Kids - part of NY Exhibit



The Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibition will be on display at the New York Hall of Science from December 9, 2006 through February 25, 2007. On display for the first time will be hands-on science puzzle maps for kids, with paintings by Fileve Palmer and graphic design by Elisha Hardy. Places & Spaces is curated by SLIS faculty member Katy Börner and Julie Smith, Indiana University.

## New York Hall of Science Press Release:

For a New Take on Maps Chart Your Way to the New York Hall of Science Places & Spaces: Mapping Science on view December 9, 2006 - February 25, 2007

Queens, N.Y. — Want to see science from above? Curious to see what impact one single person or invention can have? Keen to find pockets of innovation? Desperate for better tools to manage the flood of information? Or are you simply fascinated by maps? Then visit the Places & Spaces: Mapping Science exhibition, which aims to demonstrate the power of maps to navigate and make sense of physical places and abstract topic spaces.

The display at the New York Hall of Science features the first two out of 10 iterations of the Places & Spaces exhibition entitled The Power of Maps and The Power of Reference Systems. Also shown are an Illuminated Diagram display by W. Bradford Paley, Kevin Boyack, John Burgoon, Peter Kennard and Richard Klavans, and Worldprocessor globes by Ingo G?. On display for the first time are hands-on science maps for kids with paintings by Fileve Palmer.

Come explore 20 large-format, high-resolution maps that demonstrate the power of maps for navigating and managing mankind's collective scholarly knowledge and aim to inspire a discussion about a spatial reference system for science.

See where science gets done, how the different areas of science interrelate, and how knowledge diffuses in geospatial and topic space by playing with the interactive Illuminated Diagram display.

Discover zones of inventions and patenting activity while spinning the beautiful and informative Worldprocessor globes.

Solve the hands-on science map puzzle by placing major scientists, inventors and inventions at their proper places on a world map and on a map of science. Look for the many hints hidden in the beautiful paintings to find the perfect place for each puzzle piece.

Pick up one of the handouts and make your very own map of science. What science experiments do you like best? Where would your favorite science teachers go? What area of science do you want to explore next?

Visit http://www.nyscience.org to learn more.

Places & Spaces: Mapping Science is curated by Dr. Katy Börner and Julie Smith, Indiana University. The exhibition advisors for The New York Hall of Science display are Marcia Rudy & Stephen Uzzo.

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