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MIUS Opens Its Doors

This much anticipated new service opened its doors to the public in October of this year.

As an extension of the GIS-RS Center, Maps and Imagery User Services (MIUS), located in GL 273, provides user-centered service to all students, faculty and staff with a need for assistance with cartographic materials and geospatial data.

The area boasts five workstations all equipped with the most up to date tools in GIS and Remote Sensing. By signing on to a workstation, a user can directly access copyrighted digital maps and geospatial data that are no available on the FIU GIS website.

MIUS provides access to a large collection of digital maps and geospatial data and also houses a large portion of FIU's cartographic materials collection in both digital

and printed formats. While most US government published maps and cartographic can be retrieved from the FIU library catalog, a large portion of geo-spatial data and digital maps can be searched using the specialized MIUS search engine (an on-going effort to be completed in Summer 2008) accessible through the MIUS home page (<http://mius.fiu.edu>). One highlight of the MIUS home page is the finding aid under "collections," which depicts the specific cartographic materials on-line or in-house and how to locate them.

The website also provides additional support to our users through an online collection, information about upcoming events and training, and online tutorials and help materials.

In house workshops offered by MIUS cover a variety of topics including census mapping,

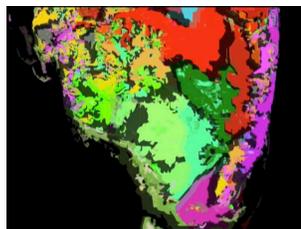


historical maps, and USGS map products. The purpose of the training and workshops is to explore different themes related to cartography and geospatial data that intersect a wide range of academic disciplines. In this way, these workshops will serve a wide range of students, faculty and staff in the FIU community.

MIUS's goal is to support the needs of students, faculty and staff and provides a wide range of resources and tools to meet this growing need. So stop by or check out the website to find out how MIUS can help you!

The Way We Live

In order to shed light on the growing issue of human impact on the environment, MIUS displayed a series of maps, data, and artwork from Nov. 2- Dec. 6. The exhibit brought in many students and increased the visibility of MIUS on campus. Faculty also used the exhibit for class assignments, demonstrating the value of MIUS' exhibits throughout FIU.



Artwork by Fred Karrenberg, MFA Candidate, FIU

Did You Know That...

...You can access a wide range of geospatial data through the MIUS website? Visit us at mius.fiu.edu under "MIUS Data Search".



New Faces in MIUS

FIU Library welcomes Jill Uhrovic as the new Map Librarian in MIUS. Jill studied at the University of Auckland in New Zealand and graduated from St. John's University with her Master of Library and Information Science with honors.



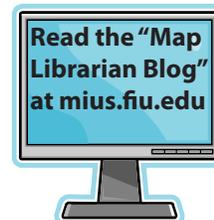
Jill assists library patrons with locating and using cartographic materials and geospatial data. In addition to providing reference services to students and faculty,

Jill also provides formal library instruction through 2-hour workshops offered in one of the

state of the art computer labs in the library. She also provides informal education through the development of public exhibitions.

Jill can be reached at 305.348.0150, or juhrovic@fiu.edu. Jill's office is in Green Library 273D.

Read the "Map Librarian Blog" at mius.fiu.edu



Collection Highlights-New Resources

Digital Data

The MIUS workstations are now equipped with these new resources.

National Geographic Maps Special Edition- a multimedia suite comprising every foldout map (500+) appearing in the pages of National Geographic magazine.

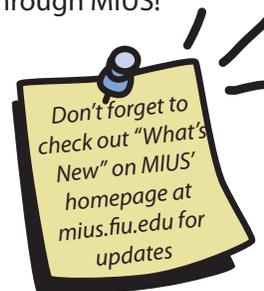
National Geographic War Maps- From the pages of National

Geographic Magazine, more than 30 maps present a cartographic timeline of volatile struggle and mapping milestones, from the Civil War to the Middle East.

National Transportation Atlas Databases 2007- a set of nationwide geographic databases of transportation facilities, transportation networks, and associated infrastructure.

Print Materials:

Lonely Planet- The complete and most recent lonely planet series is available for in library use only through MIUS!



Spring 2008 Upcoming Events

Exhibits

Water Resources and Hydrological Data Visualization

Historical Maps and the Stories They Tell

Workshops

Maps: Where to Find Print and Digital Maps and Data

Introduction to ArcGIS Software

Introduction to Census Mapping

For dates and times visit us at mius.fiu.edu

Current GIS Projects



Miami-Dade Transportation and Community Mapping



Global Water for Sustainability Program (glows.fiu.edu)



Caribbean Coastal Scenarios (ccswo.fiu.edu)



Andean Amazon GIS Web Portal (aagwp.fiu.edu)

For more information about these projects, visit us at gislab.fiu.edu.



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