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GIS Services Expanded at Biscayne Bay Campus

In an effort to better serve those students and faculty working with GIS at the Biscayne Bay Campus, the GIS Center has expanded the services available in the Biscayne Bay Library beginning in the Fall 2009 term.

Currently, there are two workstations equipped with ArcGIS Desktop 9.3.1 on the second floor of the BBC library in room 212. As part of the expanded services, computers will have access to all drives available at the Green Library including access to the GIS Center’s data drive and student z drives. In addition, GIS Center staff will be available once a week, alternating Wednesdays and Fridays, for assistance. Please contact Jennifer Fu, GIS Center Head, at fujen@fiu.edu to make an appointment.

Services including access to ESRI Virtual Campus Courses, purchasing of licenses for lab and office computers, and map production are all available to students, faculty, and staff working on the Biscayne Bay Campus.

Access to workstations is available during library open hours Monday-Thursday 7:30am-1:00am, Friday 7:30am-10:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-8:00pm, Sunday 10:00am-1:00am.

For more information visit the GIS Center at http://gislab.fiu.edu.

Did You Know That...

...You can chat live with a map librarian? IM a Librarian for immediate assistance using your AIM, Hotmail/MSN, Yahoo Messenger, Google Talk, or Meebo accounts to screen name fiumaps.
New Resources Available in MIUS

Miami Dade High Resolution Imagery

MIUS has purchased the GeoEye-1 imagery for Central and South Miami Dade County (see figure 1). GeoEye-1 offers the world’s highest resolution commercial earth-imaging satellite. It offers spatial resolution by simultaneously acquiring 0.41-meter panchromatic and 1.65-meter multispectral imagery. The acquired imagery has been rectified using Miami Dade County’s 1-foot resolution aerial photographs (State Plane, NAD 83).

For the area covered by the larger bounding box shown in figure 1, we have the GeoEye archival imagery; for the area covered by the smaller bounding box, the imagery was acquired April 2008.

Figure 1

Real Estate Plats with Aerial Photos, Miami Dade 1973.

Through a generous gift to the FIU libraries, MIUS has acquired a four volume set of real estate plats for Miami Dade County from 1973. These plats include black and white aerial photography at 1”=300’. The plats are available for in library use only and can be obtained from MIUS.

MaxQDA

MAXQDA is a state-of-the-art instrument for professional text analysis. As one of the pioneers in the field (the first version was released in 1989) it is the number one choice for researchers and research institutions from a wide range of scientific disciplines across the world. All computers in the GIS Lab and MIUS are equipped with this software.

A Reminder...

FIU Libraries are committed to providing library instruction to students and faculty to help build their information literacy skills. MIUS provides a number of information literacy and GIS training opportunities for students in the form of workshops, customized class sessions, and informal education through exhibitions and lectures. ESRI Virtual Campus courses are also available at no charge for students and faculty as another learning resource. Always make sure to check the MIUS home page for upcoming workshops and events.

Upcoming Events...

Mapping the Everglades- An exhibition of the mapping of the Everglades over the past 100 years. Spring Term 2009

GIS Day- A series of talks by faculty and students who use GIS in their research. Spring Term 2009

Use the MIUS Data Search at mius.fiu.edu to find GIS data held by MIUS.