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Visualize This! Maps of Science at Public Library

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Courtesy of Julie Smith

Computers and art combine to create the maps of the *Places and Spaces: Mapping Science* exhibit on display at the Monroe County Public Library through May 2007.

Large-scale maps of science help viewers navigate and understand the world, just as sea charts once aided exploration and discovery of unknown lands. The maps are generated from terabytes of scholarly data such as publications, patents, and grants using diverse data integration, mining, network science, and visualization algorithms. With visualizations created by people around the world and by IU's own, *Places & Spaces* provides a glimpse of how science looks from above.

The exhibit has been previously featured at the New York Public Library, the New York Hall of Science, and the American Chemical Society Exposition in Chicago. For more information, visit <http://scimaps.org/>.

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