**Blank Technology Canvas Pitch Presentation (10% of total grade)**

**Due Dates** Submit presentation via email: November 9  
 Give presentation in class: November 9 and 16 (order of presentations TBD)

**Background**The ability to pitch ideas effectively to a group and to integrate feedback are essential skills in this profession. As preparation for the Blank Technology Canvas Proposal Report, students will prepare a five-minute in-class presentation, covering an initial vision for the space and user demographics, a number of inspirations, and other relevant elements that will support their proposal, such as potential partner organizations.

**Scope**Students will have the option of using PowerPoint, Keynote, Prezi (free education version), or other tools (upon approval) to create the presentation. In order to create a dynamic presentation consisting of more than just text, students will also include visual elements including photographs, screenshots, illustrations, or other means of depicting the proposed site and the technology to be used there.

**Requirements**

* Develop a five- to seven-minute presentation (these will be timed), covering the following:
  + A specific description of the target user community, and the information need your site aims to address
  + A proposal pitch for an original space to satisfy your demographic’s information need
  + Technology inspirations for proposed services or offerings
* Submit the presentation via email (attachment or link) by November 9
* Give the presentation in class, which will be considered according to these criteria:
  + Preparedness (including use of time allotted)
  + Evidence of deep research in service of making a targeted and effective pitch
  + Synthesis of many sources and inspirations into a spoken and visual presentation form
  + Dynamic display of text and visual information using a presentation tool
  + Solicitation of feedback about the pitch following the presentation, and response to questions prompted by the pitch

Presentations should also incorporate at least a few images (photographs, screenshots, etc.) or other multimedia in order to illustrate the proposal being described. Be sure to give attribution to any images you get from outside sources.

**Note:** If you choose to use a tool besides PowerPoint, Keynote, or Prezi, please have it approved in advance to make sure the software is available in the classroom to support your presentation.

Consider a few options listed here, if you’re interested in tools other than PowerPoint:

**Top 5 PowerPoint Alternatives – The Best Alternatives**<http://gazettereview.com/2016/02/top-5-powerpoint-alternatives-best-alternatives/>

**Blank Technology Canvas Report (25% of total grade)**

**Due Date**  
**Report:** December 7

**Background**As libraries, archives, and other organizations navigate a changing information landscape, many are reinventing and renovating their physical spaces and infrastructures to reflect changing user needs. In these considerations, one of the biggest challenges is addressing current information requests and requirements, while also anticipating the potential future needs of an increasingly adept and savvy set of demographics, all in alignment with core professional principles.

**Scope**  
For this exercise, students will draft a proposal to develop a facility serving a user demographic of their choice. **The technology components of the space or facility will be the primary focus of the assignment**, though other elements may factor in as well. Students will work under the assumption that a parent organization has set aside space dedicated for this purpose, and have already secured funding to award to a meritorious proposal. Basic IT and broadband infrastructure are a given, but further potential uses for the space will stem from the student’s vision.

The proposal should take into account the specific needs of a particular target user demographic, and will also require that students consider potential partner organizations as well as areas of potential expansion. Likewise, students will include with the proposal examples of sites and technology – real or conceptual – that served as inspiration.

**A few questions among many to consider:** What user need are you satisfying? How can the technology you’ve identified help satisfy the various aspects of that user need?What are the different technologies that will be offered at the site? Does the site’s web presence play a significant role in the provision of services offered? What role will consumer technologies play in the setting? Are there areas of the space dedicated to specific uses? Is there hardware or technology in the space that provides users a unique opportunity to accomplish a certain task or interaction?

Also note that inspiration does not have to come solely from library examples: galleries, museums, airports, community centers, the private sector, etc. are all fair game, as is any site where technology is deployed to satisfy user needs.

**Requirements**

The report will consist of three components: an annotated list of 7 or more sources of inspiration; at least one User Persona giving an example use case; and a separate written proposal (1000-1200 words) describing the overall space and the community it will serve, the primary technological components it will feature, and potential partnerships that might enhance the mission and usage of the space.

For the 7 (or more) sources of inspiration, students should search LIS literature sources as well as news sources and other media for examples—large or small—that relate to the service students are proposing to offer. Annotations should include a citation of the source, a 2- to 3-sentence description of the project or site, and a brief comment on how the inspiration source would be adapted or modified to serve the student’s proposed purpose.

The written proposal should provide a narrative synthesizing the inspiration examples with a broader description of the student’s vision for the space, as well as any relevant background concerning the larger building or organizational context housing the space, and potential partnerships with other organizations that could serve to enhance the site’s mission. (For partner organizations, it is sufficient to identify *potential* partners, or identify groups whose mission and constituency overlap with the proposal’s intended use.)

**Specifics:**

* At least 7 documented and annotated inspiration sources, each including:
  + 2-3 sentence (minimum) description:
    - Description of how inspiration source technology satisfies a user need
    - Comment about how source might be modified or adapted to student proposal
  + Citation of the source
* At least one User Persona (400 words max), describing an example use case for the technology in the proposed space, and including:
  + Name of persona
  + Paragraph of fictional background and basic relevant demographic information
  + Narrative description of specific user need
  + Bullet point examples of use case example interactions with technology in the proposed space
* Written report, including the following:
  + A technology space proposal of between 1000 and 1200 words, covering:
    - A clear description of a specific target user demographic to be served (feel free to reference User Persona as an example here)
    - A clear description of the institutional context for proposed technology installation/site
    - Specific proposals for technology components to be included, citing references to the annotated inspiration components
    - Potential partner organizations