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Department Submitting Request: Office of the Dean of the Library

Nature of Request: Requesting a change to an existing space

Is this change expected to be temporary: No

Preferred Allocation Date: November 16, 2019

#### Request Funding

Has Funding for this Request Already Been Identified? Yes

Proposed Funding:

Funding for renovation of space will utilize the Library Trust, and possibly funding from the return of funding expected from the Budget Office for over-payment in order to build the CTL and Special Collections.

Has the Chartfield String Already Been Identified? No

#### Space Allocation Details

##### Change Existing Space

Building Location Library

Room Number(s) Library 109

Current Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

Library 109's 987 SF is part of the Library Administration office, with connecting offices; George Wrenn and Keelye Wilson. It is currently an alternative instruction classroom for Library 121, which due to construction, is not usable as a classroom.

#### Proposed Use, Square Footage, & Capacity

As an alternative request to the proposed Dean's Open Office (if denied by the USFAC), I wanted to suggest an option with a few key possibilities that would be wonderful to explore for Library 109, including some combinations of the following:

- a. Entrepreneurship & Innovation Hub. Having worked with students on projects with startup potential, a location for startup projects, Library Scholar Internship Projects, including Citing Insights Team (software development projects) would be ideal, and a collaborative space for partners; Entrepreneurship club, Hackathon, Startup Business Weekend, SBDC, Arcata Chamber of Commerce and others. Increasingly, public and academic libraries are becoming entrepreneurship or innovation centers; and recently, I submitted two preliminary federal grants to support entrepreneurship, (one attached with this space proposal) and we will see if we are invited to provide a full submission.
- b. Photo Studio: Since we check out camera to students, we often get requests from students for a photo studio. The Art Photo Studio, located in the basement of the library, is restricted to students in specific Art classes. So, perhaps a section of 109 space in the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Hub could serve as flexible space: a conference area, making and photo studio, allowing many uses, e.g. enabling portfolios of entrepreneurs/interns and their projects, or meeting spaces to develop and share ideas.
- c. Other potential uses; 24/7 study space (would require new external doors, camera, etc.

#### Request Importance - Needs Analysis:

In support of preparing students to be socially and environmentally responsible leaders, and the University's partnership with local communities, the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Hub can serve as cost-effective way to expand resources to students, faculty, staff, and community to engage students in opportunities to transform their world. The library's current Library Scholar Project room will soon become a librarian office, so we will need a space to facilitate the many internships and student projects we manage on an ongoing basis. Now that the SBDC is located in Eureka, this space can also serve as a bridge; I have seen many student projects with commercial potential abandoned because the hurdle to creating a business is significant; we would like to reduce barrier.

#### Recent History:

Department Outcomes and Objectives Related to this Request:  
The library is home to Business Startup and the Hackathon, plus extensive student projects (many are listed here: <http://library.humboldt.edu/about/students> ). Providing students with meaningful educational experiences that prepare and empower students to succeed is crucial, the Entrepreneurship & Innovation Hub expands an opportunity to better coordinate and effectively steward resources and services by sharing flexible space and developing cooperative programming that also strengthens partnership with local communities. Attached in the additional documents is one of the preliminary proposal to the Institute for Museums and Library Services (IMLS) that I recently submitted to develop cooperative entrepreneurship programs at HSU Library.

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Additional Relevant Information Not Previously Addressed:  
The 24/7 space request proposal submission for BSS 168 provides additional details of the potential needs and design of a 24/7 space. If 24/7 in BSS 168 is not selected/approved, then we might consider 109, depending on the planning review by the University Planner. Thanks everyone for reviewing this, appreciate any feedback and suggestions.

Routed for Review

University Library Cyril Oberlander - Dean