

Affordable Learning Georgia
Textbook Transformation Grants:
Hosting Your Work

To ensure that ALG grant projects have a **lasting effect** throughout the USG, Affordable Learning Georgia requires works created through the grants to be **freely-accessible to the public**, preferably through an **open license**.

To explain what we want, we need to distinguish between terms as they relate to these projects:

Open and Freely-Accessible

Open:

- Free to access + **legal permission**
 - **Creative Commons** = understandable, easy licenses giving these permissions

Freely-Accessible:

- Free to access, includes both open and all-rights-reserved copyright
 - Example: PBS-supplied YouTube video

For your final report:

- 1) Newly-created course content:
 - Freely-Accessible required**
 - Open Licenses highly preferred!
- 2) Free syllabus w/ collection of links for the course:
 - Freely-Accessible Required**
- 3) Tests, Quizzes, and other Assessments:
 - Optional**

Newly-created course content must be **freely-accessible:**

- Textbooks or short-form works
- Supplementary materials
- Photos, videos, audio

Created content will be shared by **links** to all content that is accessible on the Web through the Final Report.

Sharing your **assessments** with anyone other than your own students is optional:

- Tests and Quizzes
- Research Paper / Essay assignments

Successful sharers of these types of resources have a vetting system in place to distribute tests and quizzes to faculty only.

Digital Repositories

Many USG institutions have preservation and access-centered **digital repositories** through Dspace, Bepress Commons, or OpenRepository. You can host files (.doc, .pdf, etc.) in a digital repository and get a permanent link to the work. This is a **great** way to host your materials.

Affordable Learning Georgia is working on an ALG repository through Bepress Digital Commons, more information soon.

LibGuides

LibGuides is a resource used by libraries to easily create organized guides to research. LibGuides can also be used to organize a publicly-available course. All USG libraries have access to LibGuides.

For LibGuides assistance and facilitation, contact your library coordinator:

http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/champions_coordinators

**For other hosting options:
ALG Platforms and Hosting Page**

http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/open_resources/platforms

Brightspace (D2L) is NOT open

Brightspace D2L is a USG-subscribed Learning Management System (LMS) which allows instructors to share a closed online course with their students.

If you want to make your D2L materials freely-available, you will have to present your material in an another platform, perhaps as a "copy" of what you create in D2L.

Preferred license: Attribution 4.0 International (CC-BY)

This is the most open (and least confusing) license outside of CCo (Public Domain), requires an attribution to the original creator and work

CC-BY allows for derivative works, such as new editions, remixes, and accessible versions.

For more hosting assistance, contact your
Center for Teaching and Learning:

<http://www.usg.edu/facultyresources/centers/directory>

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