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

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**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.

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**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](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 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 CC0 (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/facultyresource/centers/directory

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