

ABOUT THE ORANGE GROVE

PURPOSE

[The Orange Grove](#) (TOG) is Florida's online digital [repository](#) that serves as a central place to store and manage instructional, organizational, and professional development resources for discovery, use and remixing. [Florida Virtual Campus](#), a legislatively mandated higher education organization, supports and manages the repository. The repository offers high quality resources, including open textbooks that can be located by searching descriptive fields including the common course number or Sunshine State Standard. Two prestigious FIPSE grants have been awarded to develop a model for the creation of digital repositories and, second, to create a sustainable model for the discovery, production, and dissemination of open textbooks based on the work of the Orange Grove staff and committee. The Consortium and the work of its Orange Grove Committee have played a continuing role on state level discussions about reducing the costs of student textbooks and related instructional materials and increasing the use of open access resources as directed in statute.

RESOURCES

You will find a variety of collections within the repositories. The number of resources listed by each collection name is a reflection of the number of resources that have been made freely available to those who are not members of a given collection.

A large number of the resources contained with the repository are open educational resources. *Open educational resources* are educational materials that are either licensed under an open copyright license, such as Creative Commons, or in the public domain. Users are freely, and at no cost, able to do the following with the resources:

- Revise: adapt and improve the OER so it better meets your instructional and learning needs
- Reuse: freely use the original resource as is or an adapted version of the OER
- Remix: combine the OER with other OER to produce new resources
- Redistribute: share the original OER or your new version with others

Sharing is the foundation of teaching and open educational resources and OER are in the public eye more than ever as can be seen in state legislation and initiatives such state repositories, [Connexions](#), [CK-12 open textbooks](#), [Khan Academy](#), and Washington's [Open Course Library](#). Advances in technology are enabling everyone wider access to education, and best of all, at little or no cost. A key component to this change in learning is open educational resources. OER come in many forms—from curriculum to homework assignment to textbooks – and exist for all levels of education.

COPYRIGHT

Copyright statements assigned by the creator or author articulates the conditions under which a resource may be used or reused. One of the [six Creative Commons licenses](#) is typically used to protect open educational resources located within the repository.

OUR TEAM

[Dr. Robin Donaldson](#) provides project leadership in The Orange Grove repository. Robin came to us from Tallahassee Community College in January 2010 where she worked with faculty in the design, development, implementation, and review of distance learning courses. Robin holds a Ph.D. and M.S. in Library and Library Information Studies and a B.A. in Art Education from [Florida State University](#). Her research interest is in [Mobile Learning and distance learning](#) and open educational resources.

Questions about the repository or appropriate content may be directed to The Orange Grove via an email to info@theorangegrove.org.

FAQ's

1. **Why is the repository called “The Orange Grove?”**

It's a metaphor for Florida's tree of knowledge. Educators can both pick (choose) resources from their repository and plant resources (contribute them) to the repository

2. **What is The Orange Grove Digital Repository?**

It's an online system to store and manage digital resources.

- Content is created once, stored once, and then can be used an infinite number of times
- The system facilitates discovery of resources
- Users can link to or download resources
- Users can contribute resources

3. **Does The Orange Grove own the content in the repository?**

The Orange Grove owns NONE of the content – the repository is a distribution vehicle for content. Repository users access content based on (a) the copyright statement or license attached to each resource, and (b) the item contributor's decision as to who can access the resource.

4. **What's in the repository?**

The repository can store any type of digital resource. This includes audio and video files, images, animations, simulations, lesson plans, “open” textbooks, and administrative documents. Much of the content is freely available to everyone. Some resources, due to licensing restrictions, are available only to Florida educators.

5. **Who can use the repository?**

Guest Accounts: The public, students, and educators from outside of Florida, can search for and access the many resources available to the general public. Please do not hesitate to send us resources links or files to share to info@theorangegrove.org. We will add them for you. Guests may also submit resource information using our [online form](#).

Contributor Accounts: Florida Higher Education faculty and institutional staff and administrators are able to use contributing editor and manage their contributed resources. They may also modify their dashboard (home page), set up RSS feeds, and save favorite items and searches. Request an account by emailing info@theorangegrove.org with your name, position, institution, and institution email address.

6. **Can faculty at Florida institutions use and contribute to the Orange Grove without having their own institutional collections?**

Yes, faculty can add content to the Orange Grove Resources in the repository and may also use it without having their own institutional collection.

7. **How do I contact someone regarding a support question?**

We are here to serve you and wish to address your repository problem as soon as possible. Go to the 'Contact Us' area of the site to submit any questions or concerns regarding the repository. Questions about the repository or appropriate content may be directed to The Orange Grove via an email to info@theorangegrove.org.

8. Can the repository be integrated with our learning management system?

The Orange Grove provides a Learning Management System (LMS) integration tool that enables searching, contributing and management of the repository directly from within your LMS. Your faculty can search the repository and add links to content, as well as contribute and centralize their content across multiple courses. Without even leaving your LMS, faculty can also use authoring tools built into The Orange Grove to create, reuse and re-assemble content from the repository for their own use and delivery.

Your institution's LMS Administrator can install this integration tool. Access to the repository is granted by means of a 'Shared Secret' that must be set up by the repository staff in order for the connection to be allowed. Think of the shared secret as the LMS server's generic username and password to let all its users have access to the repository.