The Florida Virtual Campus
Islandora Project

Background
FLVC's Islandora project is intended to provide a common digital library platform for digital resources owned by the state universities and colleges of Florida to relieve them of the need for hosting their own digital library and Institutional Repository platforms, with the potential to incorporate other functionalities as needed (e.g., Learning Object repository). FCLA (now part of FLVC) has been working on the Islandora project with the CSUL Digital Initiatives and Services Committee (DISC) since March 2012. Florida State University is FLVC's development partner and is currently contributing FSU staff time and expertise to the project.

Project scope
The initial Islandora project implementation will be performed in three phases. The first two phases of the project focus on digital materials owned by the state university libraries, and the third phase of the project will open up participation from members of the Florida College System (FCS) and associated institutions. The three phases of the project may overlap somewhat, depending on available resources.

Phase One: Migrating materials from DigiTool
Phase One of the Islandora project focuses on initial Islandora system setup and migration of materials from the FLVC legacy DigiTool system into Islandora. Materials currently on the DigiTool system include the Publication of Archival, Library & Museum Materials (PALMM) materials, and institutional collections for Florida A&M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida State University, and New College of Florida. Materials may be migrated on a staggered schedule as development of Islandora functionality required to support the migrating classes of materials is completed. FLVC is in the process of creating a detailed implementation plan and schedule for Phase One of the project.

FLVC is fully committed to supporting the DigiTool system until all required materials are migrated from DigiTool to Islandora and all production work on DigiTool ceases.

Phase Two: Migrating non-DigiTool materials maintained by State University Libraries
Once all of the required materials are migrated into Islandora from DigiTool, Phase Two of the Islandora project will focus on migrating digital materials maintained by the state university libraries outside of DigiTool in systems such as SobekCM and CONTENTdm. During this phase of the project, FLVC will work with staff of the state university libraries staff to develop a suitable migration path for these materials. Additional development of features and functionality required to support the materials migrating during this phase is anticipated.

FLVC is fully committed to hosting the interim SobekCM system until all required materials are migrated from Sobek to Islandora and all production work on SobekCM ceases.

Phase Three: FCS participation

Participation in the Islandora common digital library system will be opened up to the FCS in Phase Three of the project. FLVC will work with the FCS, if necessary, to develop a suitable migration path for materials already included in digital asset management systems, and will provide the necessary documentation, training, and support for colleges wishing to contribute materials directly to the common digital library system.