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Additional resources

Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0

- These are long but offer comprehensive guidelines for accessibility of digital documents:
<http://www.w3.org/TR/WCAG20/>

Accessible design and production

- DAISYPedia, “Making publications accessible for all”:
<http://www.daisy.org/daisypedia/making-publications-accessible-all>
- Check PDF accessibility and create accessible PDFs (Acrobat Pro DC)
<https://helpx.adobe.com/acrobat/using/create-verify-pdf-accessibility.html>
- PDF Association, “PDF/UA: The ISO standard for universal accessibility”:
<https://www.pdfa.org/pdfua-the-iso-standard-for-universal-accessibility/>
- How screen readers read typographic symbols:
<http://www.deque.com/blog/dont-screen-readers-read-whats-screen-part-1-punctuation-typographic-symbols/>
- Nemeth MathSpeak system for accessible math:
<http://www.gh-mathspeak.com/examples/grammar-rules/>
- Color Oracle, colourblindness simulator: <http://colororacle.org/>

Accessible images and other non-text content

- WebAIM, “Alternative text”: <http://webaim.org/techniques/alttext/>
- Adding alt text to images on Twitter: <https://support.twitter.com/articles/20174660>
- Portland Community College, “Complex image accessibility”:
<https://www.pcc.edu/resources/instructional-support/access/complex-images.html>

Universal design and inclusive language

- *BC Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit*:
<http://open.bccampus.ca/2015/02/26/introducing-the-b-c-open-textbook-accessibility-toolkit/>
- Association of Registered Graphic Designers (RGD), *AccessAbility* handbook:
<https://www.rgd.ca/resources/accessibility.php>
- “Inclusive: A Microsoft design toolkit”: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/design/inclusive>
- *Conscious Style Guide*: <http://consciousstyleguide.com/>

Screen readers

- JAWS screen reader for PC: <http://www.freedomscientific.com/Products/Blindness/JAWS>
- NVDA screen reader for PC: <https://www.nvaccess.org/>
- Activating VoiceOver on Apple mobile: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204390>
- Using VoiceOver on a Mac: https://www.apple.com/voiceover/info/guide/_1124.html
- Activating TalkBalk: <https://support.google.com/accessibility/android/answer/6007100?hl=en>
- Read Out Loud and other accessibility features in Adobe Acrobat (Reader): <https://helpx.adobe.com/reader/using/accessibility-features.html>

Libraries for works in alternative formats

- Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA), through CNIB: <http://celalibrary.ca/>
- National Network for Equitable Library Service (NNELS): <https://nnels.ca/>

Legislation

- “Canada’s accession to Marrakesh Treaty brings treaty into force”: http://www.wipo.int/pressroom/en/articles/2016/article_0007.html
- *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)*: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a11>
- *Accessibility for Manitobans Act*: <http://www.accessibilitymb.ca/>
- Nova Scotia’s *Accessibility Act*: <https://novascotia.ca/coms/accessibility/>
- “Creating new national accessibility legislation: What we learned”: <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/programs/planned-accessibility-legislation/reports/consultations-what-we-learned.html>
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, “Effective communication”: <https://www.ada.gov/effective-comm.htm>

Relevant blog posts

- Christine Albert, “Promoting accessibility in editorial businesses,” *BoldFace: The official blog of Editors Toronto*, March 8, 2017: <http://editorstorontoblog.com/2017/03/08/promoting-accessibility-in-editorial-businesses/>
- Iva Cheung, “Grey matters: Why NGOs should start thinking like self-publishers,” November 4, 2015: <http://www.ivacheung.com/2014/11/grey-matters-why-ngos-should-start-thinking-like-self-publishers/>
- Iva Cheung, “Four levels to accessible communications,” September 17, 2016: <http://www.ivacheung.com/2016/09/four-levels-to-accessible-communications/>