
LAA NEWSLETTER

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Changes and Updates

We are pleased to announce the Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) joins the Library Accessibility Alliance (LAA) as a partner to advance accessibility for library electronic resources, with the goal of providing equal access to information for all library users.

Newly-added accessibility evaluations based on WCAG 2.1 AA:

- [Africa Commons](#)
- [Human Kinetics Journals](#)
- [Taylor & Francis Journals](#)

View all our e-resource evaluations on the [Testing page](#).

The newly-developed Vendor Relations Subcommittee has convened and established goals and priorities to further the mission of LAA. The Vendor Relations Subcommittee provides education and guidance about Voluntary Product Assessment Templates (VPATs) to libraries and vendors to move toward more meaningful advocacy and accessibility practices beyond reviewing VPATs. The subcommittee works with vendors that the LAA evaluates to increase engagement and find opportunities to share accessibility best practices with libraries, vendors, and publishers. For questions or to express interest, please contact interim chair Jordan Colbert (jordan.colbert@yale.edu).

Upcoming event: Global Accessibility Awareness Day at University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota is hosting an accessibility half-day-long online event on May 18 to engage in conversation, thinking, and learning about access and inclusion. The event is put together by a volunteer group of dedicated University employees. The theme of the event is Amplifying Accessibility, with three tracks: pedagogy and education, research and community outreach, and digital accessibility. The keynote speaker, Lydia X.Z. Brown, will discuss disability justice action in higher education. The event is

open to all. [Register today for the event](#). Please note that registering with a Google account is easiest and will send a calendar invitation to your Google calendar.

Past event recordings

LAA February 22: [Establishing Design Principles to Center Accessibility into Everyday Decisions, 59 minutes](#)

LAA March 13: [Automated Accessibility Testing: Advantages and Pitfalls, 58 minutes](#)

The 2023 arxiv Accessibility Forum recordings are now available at <https://accessibility2023.arxiv.org/>.

Who We Are

The Library Accessibility Alliance (LAA) advocates for improving library e-resource accessibility. We are a multiconsortial organization, with each member organization contributing funding and expertise.

Our current members are:

- Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA)
- Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL)
- Greater Western Library Alliance (GWLA)
- Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC)
- Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation (IPLC)
- Florida Virtual Library (FLVC)

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