

Accessibility Committee

2/17/21

Motion to adopt Mission Statement.

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The Accessibility Committee is a Libraries-wide group committed to making our online collections, services, and communications more accessible. The committee works to identify standards and best practices for accessible resources, endorses a shared set of accessibility practices for the Libraries, liaises with Libraries departments and committees on accessibility, provides opportunities for training and development, and advocates on issues pertaining to accessibility.

Priorities

- Special Collections – digital collections and cms transition – BePress Digital Commons - UM has Siteimprove for accessibility for web publishing
 - o They do have an accessibility statement
 - o LibGuides and other third party products not part of the SiteImprove oversight
 - o VPAT procured by legal, not library
 - o Make sure image files are compliant – must investigate – how responsible will BePress be re: metadata
 - o [BePress Accessibility Statement and VPAT](#)
 - o **Accessibility in archives and metadata – investigate best practices**
- Web Content – 99.5% WCAG compliant
 - o [Siteimprove](#)
 - o Site won't publish if not compliant
- [ASERL Accessibility Training](#) / [Web Accessibility](#) / ADA law familiarity
- DRS visit
 - o Have had training in the past (Digital Stewardship week)
 - o Training not required – appreciate but not a requirement for integration
 - o Hold til back in building
- Need standards of practice to endorse – but no oversight
- DRS workgroup to recommend requiring accessibility
- **User testing – talk to DRS? - help us evaluate resources**
 - o **Amanda Rodino, Tara, Jennifer**
 - o [Staff](#)
 - o **Ashley and Carl to set up**
- Group out of Nashville – Window to the World - <https://sos.tn.gov/tsla/labm>
- Create email for committee – Caitlin
- [Wave accessibility tool](#)
- Ashley to set up ongoing meetings – 3rd Wednesday - 11am
- Robert and/or Kenny to update committees page