



VIVA Accessibility Roadmap

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As Virginia's academic library consortium, VIVA builds an equitable, accessible, and robust infrastructure of library resources and services for Virginia higher education students and faculty. We strive to ensure our resources, from our website to the resources and platforms we license to those resources whose creation we support, are available and accessible for Virginia's higher education community.

The VIVA Accessibility Roadmap is separated into the main types of digital content that VIVA supports and/or provides. For each type, this document outlines:

- what falls into that category,
- the current accessibility status,
- what VIVA is doing to address accessibility issues, and
- the current timeline for resolution of those issues.

We will update the roadmap as updates to current status, remediation plans, or timelines become available. The last updated date is included on the footer of each page.

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Accessibility Standards

VIVA is working to ensure compliance with federal and state accessibility standards. Currently that means meeting [WCAG 2.1 AA Standards](#), however we strive to comply where possible with the most up-to-date available guidelines, currently [WCAG 2.2 AA Standards](#).

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Current Compliance and Plans for Remediation

Licensed and Purchased Resources

VIVA provides library resources to Virginia higher education institutions through institutional libraries. A full list can be found on the [products page of the VIVA website](#).

The accessibility of the platforms and products relies on the vendors that provide the products to VIVA and Virginia libraries.

Current status

VIVA convened [a working group](#) to review accessibility of our resources and create a centralized repository of compliance documents. The group's goals were:

1. create a centralized repository of compliance documents,
2. reach a shared agreement on what constitutes compliance for electronic resources,
3. develop a prioritization of compliance criteria by determining the most critical, and
4. develop a roadmap to provide support for small publishers and vendors who may otherwise fall behind due to limited resources.

What VIVA is doing to address issues

- Working to create a member available spreadsheet which provides green/yellow/red light indication of accessibility.
- Partnering with external companies to undertake manual testing of websites. This complements the testing already completed by [the Library Accessibility Alliance](#) (LAA). Reviews of products will also be shared with the LAA to support academic libraries beyond Virginia.
- Updating contract language to reflect new state and federal accessibility guidelines.
- Creating [a collection on VIVA POPS!](#) containing related documents and links.

Timeline

The spreadsheet will be available in January 2026, and updated as reviews are completed, aiming to have all resource reviews completed by April 2026.

VIVA Website

VIVA's website (vivalib.org) is a digital resource providing an introduction to and overview of VIVA and the resources and services it provides, as well as providing resources for our member institutions.

Current Status

VIVA's website uses LibGuides, provided by Springshare. Springshare makes their VPATs available through [the Springshare Lounge](#) (a login is required to access). Additional information on Springshare accessibility is available on [their accessibility page](#).

The accessibility of the content on VIVA's website is currently unknown.

VIVA's Website Refresh Group has developed a style guide for use in updating the website, which includes accessibility guidelines. It is currently working its way through approval.

What VIVA is doing to address issues

- VIVA is planning a redesign of our website, which will be based on accessibility best practices and will include accessibility review.
- VIVA has included [a form to request an accessible version of resources](#) to the [VIVA Policies page](#).

Timeline

Updates to the website will begin in January 2026.

Resources from VIVA Events

VIVA shares the slides from presentations at [VIVA Events](#) or presentations and publications about VIVA by VIVA staff or representatives from member institutions.

Current Status

Presenters were not provided guidance and slides shared on the [VIVA Events collection](#) have not been checked for accessibility.

What VIVA is doing to address issues

Given that uploaded slides and documents as PDF, Powerpoint, or Word are pre-existing conventional electronic documents, VIVA believes that they fall under an exemption to Title II accessibility. Thus, existing documents will not be remediated for accessibility unless an accessible version is requested, via the [form to request an accessible version of resources](#), on a case-by-case basis.

As of February 2025, VIVA established [guidance for presenters](#) (found on the [VIVA Events](#) and [VIVA Policies](#) pages), which includes guidance and requirements for creating accessible presentations. VIVA will review submitted presentations prior to upload to VIVA POPS! and either perform needed remediation in house or request updated versions of slides.

Timeline

Review of new resources is ongoing as resources are submitted.

Supported OER Publications and VIVA Publishing

VIVA supports the creation of Open Educational Resources (OER) through our [VIVA Open Grants program](#) and [VIVA Publishing](#).

VIVA Publishing also encompasses a number of platforms for publication, including:

- [VIVA's Pressbooks](#), for creating OER and other open resources. Use of Pressbooks is open to anyone at a VIVA member institution.
- [VIVA Open](#), VIVA's OER microsite, a repository for resources that are used in or may be useful for higher education classrooms in Virginia. Anyone at a VIVA member institution may create an account and link to external resources or create new OER through the Open Author platform.
- [VIVA POPS!](#), VIVA's Preservation and Open Publications Space, is VIVA's repository on the Hyku platform. Only VIVA staff may deposit on the website, and it houses archival items, like minutes; presentations and publications from VIVA staff or at VIVA events; and EPUB and PDF versions of OER created through VIVA publishing.

Current Status

Grant recipients have been provided instruction on creating accessible materials at grant kickoff meetings. However, previous submissions were not checked by VIVA for compliance with accessibility guidelines.

VIVA has integrated accessibility into the workflows when creating new works, which includes accessibility review of EPUB and Digital PDF formats. The EPUB is then uploaded to Pressbooks, and checked again for accessibility.

We have begun remediating existing resources, again by creating an accessible EPUB and Digital PDF format. These versions are not uploaded to Pressbooks, but available on VIVA POPS! and linked to on Pressbooks as a supplementary, alternate but equivalent version of the resource.

VIVA has also begun working with authors on creating second editions of resources, with the aim of updating one book per year based on staff capacity. Past editions will remain available with a disclaimer that they may not be accessible, while new editions will follow the procedure for creating new works.

VIVA has set up a Hyku instance, VIVA POPS!, and is working on ensuring any newly updated materials are accessible (see [Resources from VIVA Events](#) for an example).

VPATs of our publishing platforms

VIVA relies on external platforms to share our resources and, as such, is bound by existing platform accessibility features.

- Pressbooks: VPAT for both the authoring and reading platform available on the [Pressbooks Accessibility Page](#)
- Hyku: VIVA's Hyku is through [Hyku for Consortia](#). A [VPAT for Hyku 5.0.1](#) is available.
- VIVA Open (OER Commons) - A VPAT is currently in development by ISKME
- H5p: h5p activities may be integrated into VIVA Pressbooks. H5p provides [an overview of accessibility by content type](#).

What VIVA is doing to address issues

VIVA has included a [form to request an accessible version of resources](#) to the Pressbooks footer and Hyku help page.

Hyku

Given that Archive materials (e.g. meeting minutes, presentations) are pre-existing conventional electronic documents, VIVA believes that they fall under an exemption to Title II accessibility. Thus, existing documents will not be remediated for accessibility unless an accessible version is requested, on a case-by-case basis. New uploads across the site will be reviewed for accessibility prior to upload.

Pressbooks

As of January 2026, VIVA has enabled [the Pressbooks Accessibility Authoring Tool](#) on VIVA's Pressbooks instance to assist with identifying accessibility issues. Alongside enabling the new tool, VIVA notified all users with books on its instance of the new tool, guidance for how to use the tool, and accessibility guidelines.

VIVA is reviewing materials on [VIVA's Pressbooks instance](#) whose creation was supported by VIVA to prioritize needed remediation. Prioritization will be based on Pressbooks usage statistics. When a project is selected for remediation, VIVA will work with our external publishing services provider to create an accessible EPUB and Digital PDF of the resource, which will be uploaded to Hyku and linked to from the project's Pressbook homepage. Remediation of the Pressbooks themselves is not currently planned, but may be undertaken at a later date. Some projects whose creation VIVA has supported will be selected to create a second edition. In these cases, the first edition will not be remediated, but the second edition will produce an accessible EPUB and PDF.

VIVA will not undertake remediation for those projects whose creation was not supported by VIVA, as we believe they fall under the third party exemption to Title II. Any requests for accessible materials will be forwarded to the author/creator of the resource. Should the author/creator be unable to create an accessible version within 6 months of a request, the resource will be removed from the VIVA Pressbooks Instance.

VIVA Open

VIVA will be adding the [form to request an accessible version of resources](#) to VIVA Open before April 2026. The exact location of the form is to be determined.

Accessibility for resources on [VIVA Open](#) which link to VIVA Pressbooks will fall under our [Pressbooks remediation process](#).

VIVA is reviewing remediation needs for those resources whose creation was supported by VIVA but who are not on Pressbooks.

VIVA will not undertake remediation for those projects whose creation was not supported by VIVA, as we believe they fall under the third party exemption to Title II. Issues with resources should be directed to [VIVA Publishing](#) or via [a support ticket on VIVA Open](#). VIVA will then evaluate whether the request should be sent to the creator or whether the resource should no longer be indexed on the site. If VIVA forwards the request to the author, should the author/creator be unable to create an accessible version within 6 months of a request, the resource will no longer be indexed on VIVA Open.

Timeline

Review of new resources to Hyku and new OER is ongoing as resources are submitted.

For Pressbooks remediation, VIVA hopes to begin remediation on the first project in January 2026, and then send approximately one project per month for remediation. The remediation process for each project will take 3-6 months.

VIVA aims to complete accessibility work on VIVA Open, including adding the form and finalizing a strategy to remediate VIVA-supported non-Pressbooks content, by April 2026.

Member-only Resources

VIVA provides some resources which are available to members but are password protected. These include:

- member-only content on Hyku (e.g. historical meeting minutes),
- current contracts for collections, platforms, and memberships,
- Consortia-Manager, which helps with contract management and renewal, and
- a data dashboard, through Tableau, to provide real time statistics on VIVA resources and programs to members.

Current Status

Current uploaded member-only documents on Hyku and the VIVA website have not been remediated.

For some of these resources, we rely on external platforms for accessibility, and, as such, are bound by existing platform accessibility features:

- Tableau strives to confirm to WCAG 2.2 AA: [Tableau Accessibility page](#), [FAQ on Accessibility](#)
- Consortia Manager - currently working in generating a VPAT and reviewing accessibility

What VIVA is doing to address issues

Given that password-protected conventional documents (e.g. contract PDFs) are “Individualized, password-protected or otherwise secured conventional electronic documents,” VIVA believes that they fall under an exemption to Title II accessibility. Thus, existing documents will not be remediated for accessibility unless an accessible version is requested, via the [form to request an accessible version of resources](#). We will do our best to ensure new resources meet existing accessibility guidelines, but, as many signed contracts are scanned, they will likely continue to follow this pattern.

As VIVA works to create our data dashboard, we will follow accessibility best practices regarding font sizing and color usage.

Timeline

Work on ensuring accessibility of future resources and platforms is ongoing.

Resources

If you have any questions about VIVA accessibility, please reach out to viva@gmu.edu

To request a request an accessible version of a resource, please complete the form at <https://bit.ly/viva-accessible-resource>

For guidance on making resources accessible, you can visit:

- Accessibility chapters in *Publishing with VIVA*
 - [Accessibility: Tools and Resources](#)
 - [Accessibility: Getting Started](#)
- Resources from the GMU Assistive Technologies Initiative [[Creating Accessible Documents](#)]