



Summer Meeting 2021

Current Session:

Accessibility & the Alliance:

Working together to provide readily available shared content to everyone

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SCTS E-Content Group: Licensing Best Practices

Accessibility requirements for consortial licensed resources

- Compliance
 - Most current WCAG guidelines... if not,
 - Licensor to make modifications on an agreed upon schedule ... if not,
 - Licensee may alter or modify as necessary
- Provide VPATs
 - Current and complete -- if requested
- Indemnify
 - If fines and/or legal challenges arise for failure to maintain ADA compliance

SCTS E-Content Group: Results of Best Practices

Benefits so far:

- Consensus (alliance-wise) on accessibility license language
- A stronger (united) voice to vendors for consortial purchases
- Spelled out expectations for vendors
- Language for use in individual institutions' license negotiations

DUX Accessibility Standing Group

- Charge:
 - Identifying Alliance-wide accessibility needs to address
 - Sharing best practices and examples of accessible services
- [Accessibility Toolkit](#) (continually updated)
 - Frequently Asked Questions
 - Testing for Digital Accessibility
 - Digital Accessibility Policies and Statements
 - Training and Accessibility Networks
- Going forward:
 - Assessing ExLibris VPAT
 - Collaborating with ECG

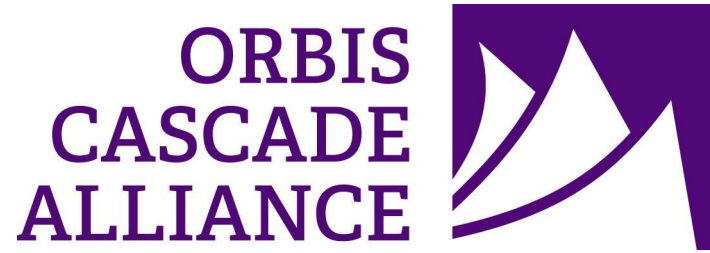
[NWACC/Alliance Joint Working Group Survey \(2019\)](#) [PDF]

- **Library institutional priorities:**
 - Understanding accessibility best practices in higher education
 - Working with vendors to ensure accessibility standards are met
 - Understanding evolving compliance requirements
 - Raising awareness & educating the community about accessibility needs
 - Collaborating across institutional departments to support accessibility
 - Helping faculty provide accessible course resources

Here are our questions, what are yours?

- What outcomes would be most useful? What would you like more information about?
- Trends (or challenges) in dealing with vendors? Licensing? Specific resources?
- Where do we need Alliance collective energy and power? VPAT validation? Resource testing?
- What are the most frequent accessibility complaints you're hearing from patrons? Or staff?

Thank you!



Thank you for attending!

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