

Our Commitment to Accessible Publishing and Learning

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Bloomsbury is committed to ensuring that our books, ebooks, digital collections, and educational platforms—including the ABC-CLIO suite of academic and school databases—are accessible to the widest possible audience. As a global publisher, we believe that inclusive and equitable access to content is essential for supporting learning, research, and discovery for all readers.

Our goal is to create digital experiences that work effectively for individuals with diverse abilities, learning preferences, and assistive technology needs. Accessibility is an ongoing part of our publishing, content development, and digital product lifecycle.

ABC-CLIO's digital platforms follow WCAG 2.1 Level AA guidelines in most areas. WCAG 2.2 success criteria are reviewed where applicable and are incorporated into ongoing accessibility evaluation and improvement efforts

These internationally recognized standards help ensure that digital content is perceivable, operable, understandable, and robust for a wide variety of users and assistive technologies.

About ABC-CLIO's Digital Platforms

ABC-CLIO databases currently feature:

- Curriculum-aligned articles
- Multimedia content
- Text-to-speech features
- Translation tools
- Multi-database search

Our Accessibility Approach

In order to ensure accessibility, we use a combination of the following approaches:

1. Accessible Content & Design Practices

- Meaningful headings and labels
- Readable text and color usage
- Alternative text for images where available
- Clear structure and navigation

2. Manual and Automated Testing

- Manual keyboard-only testing
- Testing in Chrome, Edge, and Firefox
- Automated tools—including accessiBe and other scanning tools—assist in identifying potential issues, but they are used only as supplemental aids and do not replace ongoing, source-level accessibility work

3. Accessibility in Product Development

We make best efforts to incorporate accessibility into digital design, development, and QA workflows across ABC-CLIO's digital products.

4. Ongoing Review of Digital and Multimedia Content

Captioning and video accessibility are partially supported at this time, and work is ongoing to enhance multimedia accessibility across the databases. Current features include:

- Transcripts and closed captions for video and audio clips that contain spoken text
- Alternative text for images where appropriate

We are actively working toward adding media descriptions for videos that do not contain spoken narration.

A Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) evaluating the databases against WCAG 2.1 AA is also available.

Assistive Technology Compatibility

- Supported browsers: Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari
- Compatibility focus for: JAWS, NVDA, VoiceOver

Our platforms support common user controlled adjustments—such as font resizing, color contrast changes, and zoom—through standard browser settings or optional onscreen tools. Performance may vary depending on device or assistive technology configuration.

Feedback and Accessibility Support

User feedback helps us improve compatibility. If you encounter an accessibility barrier, please contact:

customerservice@abc-clio.com

Please include:

- The product or platform you were using
- A description of the issue
- The assistive technology or browser used

Our Ongoing Commitment

Bloomsbury will continue to:

- Expand accessibility training for internal teams
- Update accessibility guidelines and practices
- Improve legacy content over time
- Integrate accessibility at each stage of product development