Checklist: Evaluating the Accessibility of E-Resources

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Use this checklist to test and evaluate e-resource platforms (websites, apps, or reading platforms) procured through vendors.

1. There are accessibility controls available.
2. The text is readable using assistive technologies.
3. Test that users can navigate accessibility through the e-resource (website, app, or reading platform).
4. There are visual customization options.
5. If there are non-colour alternatives for information conveyed only through colour.
6. That there are no videos or animations with blinking or flashing elements.
7. Any plugins, add-ons, and accessibility software will work with the digital content, reading systems, websites, and/or app that you are procuring.
8. Images in the e-resource platforms need to have descriptive alternative text.
9. There are multiple options for accessing multimedia (e.g., videos with audio descriptions, podcast transcripts, etc.
10. There are no items with a time limit in a platform that cannot be adjusted.
11. The product does not prescribe how users use it.
12. The e-resources (reading platform, website, or app) have navigational skip links.
13. Users can determine where they are in the digital content or interface.

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