Beyond the Default: A Starter Kit for Implementing Database Accessibility Icons

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46 Databases Found for: Audio/Video	Icon Legend ^		
Z #	∂ Open Access		
Α	👾 Canadian Resource		
AccessPhysiotherapy	Alumni Resources		
	Captioned Video		
Alternate Name(s): McGraw-Hill AccessPhysiotherapy	DV Described Video		
This is a comprehensive, online physiotherapy resource that integrates leading physical therapy textbooks, procedure and exercise videos, image galleries, self-	Transcript Available		
assessment tools, and a unique cadaver dissection tool. AccessPhysiotherapy View More	Video Settings Available		
	X Other Languages Available		
AccessScience 🗉 🖹 📭			
Alternate Name(s): Access Science			
AccessScience is an authoritative online resource that contains incisively written, high-quality reference material that covers all major scientific disciplines.			



Background

What led to this project



Queen's University Library: Strategic Priorities



Priority 4.2:

"We will assess the collection for the presence of and gaps in global perspectives and I-EDIAA. In 2023, we will identify two areas of representational focus and the priority collections on which a diversity audit will be performed in 2024. We will create and release an action plan to ensure sustained commitment to inclusive collections in 2025."

Priority 4.2: Global Perspectives and I-EDIAA

- Group discussions about **what diversity meant in library collections** and numerous focus areas were discussed including disability and accessibility.
- Decision to focus on accessibility functions of video databases to ensure all users can engage with library materials.

- Accessibility means ensuring persons with disabilities have equal access
 - Improved discoverability of information resources on our website
- Disability is experienced in diverse ways
 - physical or mental, temporary or ongoing, visible or invisible

Process

How we approached the project



Step 1: Environmental Scan

- Scanned the database icons of Collaborative Futures member institutions.
 - Video resource accessibility icons were not typically present.



• A subgroup of 4 people reviewed video databases and determined the presence of accessibility functions with the goal of adding icons to the library's LibApps A-Z list.

Step 2: Video Database Inventory (1)



Sample video with closed captions, a transcript and additional playback settings from the Carribean Studies in Video database

Step 2: Video Database Inventory (2)

Database 💌	Vendor	Captioning - Open (burned in), Closed (switch on/off)	Language Settings 🔽	Transcripts	Additional display settings (playback speed, skip buttons, keyboard shortcuts, etc.)	Other Notes
						relevant. However, there are brief decriptions of the videos provided.
First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education Association of Ontario		generally CC present, if Vimeo (closed captions, customizable caption settings) or Youtube (closed captions, though many are auto-generated so not necessarily accurate; also has font size, colour, etc. options)	Vimeo (English only), Youtube (English, French, auto- generated), no translation options it seems	yes (both), Youtube videos have separate document to download, Vimeo has auto- highlighting transcript button, not automatic (not viewable beside video though) with time stamps	playback rate (both Vimeo and Youtube)	no accessibility webpage uses a mixture of Vimeo & Youtube videos are dispersed throughout th website, no dedicated section for a videos, can't filter according to resource type
Global Health Media	Global Health Media Project	Closed captioning on/off	Language of video	No transcripts	Download video (sign-in required); 0.5x, 075x, 1x, 1.5x, 2x playback speed, skip by dragging progress bar	All videos are hosted on YouTube
Can-Core Academic Video	McIntyre Media	All of the content will be closed captioned with the exception of the delay in getting new content captioned and up on the platform. Some videos do not have CC.	English only	Some videos do not have transcripts. IF present, interactive transcript button, must be selected, not automatic (bullet point format, auto-highlights, no time stamps)	none	no accessibility webpage
AccessPhysiotherapy	McGraw Hill	Closed caption on/off - default is on	English and Portuguese (Brazil)	Transcripts, autoscrolling	Divided into segments; ability to skip 30 seconds backwards/forwards; 0.5x, 075x, 1x, 1.5x, 2x playback speed; change view to segments or thumbnails for navigation	
Stratford Festival Shakespeare Collection	Bloomsbury	All video files have correctly synchronised closed captions.	English only	All video files have correctly synchronised transcripts.	none	Audio description is now available for 21 filmed performances in the National Theatre collections with
		For rights reasons, the LA Theatre Works audio files do not have captions.		For rights reasons, the LA Theatre Works audio files do not have transcripts.		Peter Pan in British Sign language. There is no audio or text description
		captions are customizable with various settings		searchable transcript, can switch on/off auto-scrolling/highlighting, no time stamps		to all other video content.

Excel spreadsheet where inventory of databases and accessibility functions were documented

Step 3: Identifying Database Icons (1)

- A subgroup of 2 people from the inventory data collection phase continued by brainstorming potential text-based custom flags or image-based icons to be added to database entries.
- Text vs icons considerations:
 - \circ Visibility
 - \circ Recognizability
 - \circ Positioning
 - \circ Colour

Step 3: Identifying Database Icons (2)

- Re-examined the list of 45 databases to identify which icons should be created and applied.
- Determined 5 functions where icons would be added to multimedia databases moving forward:
 - Captioned Video
 - Other Languages Available
 - Transcripts Available
 - \circ Described Video
 - o Video Settings Available
- "One or more" philosophy: Icons were applied to a database when at least one or more characteristics were present.

Step 3: Identifying Database Icons (3)

Icons to Apply	Database
N/A	
	First Nations, Métis & Inuit Education Association o Ontario
Captions	
Transcripts	
Display and navigation settings	
Content in other languages	
Captions	Global Health Media
Display and navigation settings	
	Can-Core Academic Video
Captions	
Captions	AccessPhysiotherapy
Transcripts	
Content in other languages	
display and navigation settings	
	Stratford Festival Shakespeare Collection

Column added to inventory spreadsheet to identify icons to be applied in the A-Z database list

Pre-Implementation

Collaborating with colleagues



Who was involved?

Web Development Team Lead

- Selecting and adjusting icons
- Uploading icon assets

Metadata & Information Resource Management Technician Metadata & Discovery Librarians x2

- Assigning icons to individual databases
- Adding corresponding filters

Google Fonts – Material Icons







Changing our Existing Icons



Icon Legend						
9	Open Access					
*	Canadian Resource					
ଡ଼	Alumni Resources					
cc	Captioned Video					
DV	Described Video					
	Transcript Available					
P.	Video Settings Available					
沟	Other Languages Available					

Implementation

The technical side



Adding the Icons (1)

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Showing 1 to	25 of 814 entries						Se Exp	ort All Records 🗸
ID ↓†	Name 🕄 🛛 🚦	Description 11	Subjects	Owner ↓↑ Hido	New / Trial / den ↓î Featurec	Internal d Note Map Ct.	lî Updated ↓ î	Actions 1
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36424222	17th-18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers	This database is a full-text/full-image searchable digital archive of about 1,270 newspapers and news pamphlets from the United Kingdom. URL: https://infotrac.gale.com/itweb/queen sulaw?db=BBCN Keywords: Burney Collection	History			0	2024-10-16	e ×
		newspapers						
36423902	19th Century Masterfile	Combines various general, scientific,	English Literature			0	2024-09-04	Z 🗙

Adding the Icons (2)

LibGuides 🗸	😭 Home	🖆 Content 🗸	🖋 Tools 🗸	Q Discussions ▼	Lill Statistics	Admin 🗸	🕜 Help		
Queen's University Library / Research Guides / A-Z Database List									
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Database Nan	ne 🚺 🔡	17th-18th Century Bu	rney Collection N	ewspapers					
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Public Interface



high-quality reference material that covers all major scientific disciplines.

Icons in LibGuides

Queen's University Library / Research Guides / Biology / Streaming Video

Biology

Welcome

Search Strategies

Evaluating Information

Finding Articles

Streaming Video Collections

🛛 Criterion-on-Demand 🔤 👓 🕞 🖎

An online digital library of feature film titles licensed for Canadian viewing.

more...

Future Directions

How we plan to build on this



Adding Filters & Hyperlinks



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Check the conference website for resources!



Thank You!

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