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## Accessibility Conformance Report - WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

**Name of Product/Version:** New York Heritage Digital Collections (<https://nyheritage.org>)

**Report Date:** Spring 2026

**Product Description:** New York Heritage is a portal for learning more about the people, places and events that contributed to the making of New York State. This evaluation applies to the Drupal 10 front-end which provides contextual metadata and high level navigation for items stored in OCLC's ContentDM product.

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**Evaluation Methods Used:** Conformance to the listed accessibility standards was evaluated using a combination of manual testing, general product knowledge, and assistive technologies.

## Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

| Standard/Guideline                                       | Included In Report                             |
|--|--|
| <a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0</a> | Level A: Yes<br>Level AA: Yes<br>Level AAA: No |
| <a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1</a> | Level A: Yes<br>Level AA: Yes<br>Level AAA: No |
| <a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2</a> | Level A: Yes<br>Level AA: Yes<br>Level AAA: No |



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## Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

## WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

**Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A**

| Criteria   | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations  |
|--|-------------------|---|
| <a href="#">1.1.1 Non-text Content</a> (Level A)                                     | Supports          | Logos of the website and affiliate websites provide a text alternative.                         |
| <a href="#">1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)              | Supports          | Audio and Video content provides equivalent information text information.                       |
| <a href="#">1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)                               | Supports          | Captions are provided for all prerecorded audio.  |
| <a href="#">1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A) | Supports          | Alternatives are provided for time-based media.   |
| <a href="#">1.3.1 Info and Relationships</a> (Level A)                               | Supports          | Information, structure and relationships are provided in text.                                  |
| <a href="#">1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</a> (Level A)                                  | Supports          | 'Exhibits' functionality provides sequence in text form and can be programmatically determined. |
| <a href="#">1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</a> (Level A)                              | Supports          | No visual or audio usage guidance is provided.  |



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| Criteria  | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations  |
|---|-------------------|---|
| <a href="#">1.4.1 Use of Color</a> (Level A)                        | Supports          | Color is not used for conveying information.  |
| <a href="#">1.4.2 Audio Control</a> (Level A)                       | Supports          | No audio automatically plays.   |
| <a href="#">2.1.1 Keyboard</a> (Level A)                            | Supports          | Keyboard input is possible without specific key stroke timing.  |
| <a href="#">2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</a> (Level A)                    | Supports          | No modified key strokes required for navigation.  |
| <a href="#">2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports          | No keyboard shortcuts required for use.   |
| <a href="#">2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</a> (Level A)                   | Supports          | No elements contain timing.   |
| <a href="#">2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</a> (Level A)                   | Supports          | Autoloading elements on Categories and Types loaded as scrolling is committed. 10 items are loaded as the end of the page is encountered. |
| <a href="#">2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</a> (Level A)    | Supports          | No elements flash.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</a> (Level A)                       | Supports          | Blocks can be bypassed by user agent controls.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.2 Page Titled</a> (Level A)                         | Supports          | Pages titles are provided.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.3 Focus Order</a> (Level A)                         | Supports          | Page elements can be navigated sequentially.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</a> (Level A)           | Supports          | Links are provided with context.  |
| <a href="#">2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)        | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize pointer gestures.   |
| <a href="#">2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)    | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize pointer gestures.   |
| <a href="#">2.5.3 Label in Name</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)           | Supports          | Labels match interface elements.  |
| <a href="#">2.5.4 Motion Actuation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)        | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize motion actuation.   |
| <a href="#">3.1.1 Language of Page</a> (Level A)                    | Supports          | Language can be determined programmatically.  |
| <a href="#">3.2.1 On Focus</a> (Level A)                            | Not Applicable    | No element changes context upon focus.  |
| <a href="#">3.2.2 On Input</a> (Level A)                            | Not Applicable    | No element changes context upon focus.  |
| <a href="#">3.2.6 Consistent Help</a> (Level A 2.2 only)            | Supports          | Help provided the About link in the header and  |
| <a href="#">3.3.1 Error Identification</a> (Level A)                | Supports          | Errors are displayed next to the form element.  |
| <a href="#">3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</a> (Level A)              | Supports          | Labels or instructions are provided when content requires user input.   |
| <a href="#">3.3.7 Redundant Entry</a> (Level A 2.2 only)            | Supports          | No user-entered information is required to be re-entered.   |



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| Criteria   | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| <a href="#">4.1.1 Parsing</a> (Level A)<br>WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’<br>WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply | Supports          | For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the <a href="#">WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata</a> and the <a href="#">WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata</a> . |
| <a href="#">4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</a> (Level A)  | Supports          | All interface components name and role can be determined programmatically.   |

**Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA**

| Criteria  | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations   |
|---|-------------------|--|
| <a href="#">1.2.4 Captions (Live)</a> (Level AA)                    | Not Applicable    | No live audio provided.  |
| <a href="#">1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AA)    | Supports          | Audio transcription provided by audio hosting provider if used.  |
| <a href="#">1.3.4 Orientation</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)            | Supports          | No content is restricted to a single display orientation.  |
| <a href="#">1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2) | Supports          | Input fields can be programmatically determined.   |
| <a href="#">1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)</a> (Level AA)                 | Supports          | Visual presentation of text and images have a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1.  |
| <a href="#">1.4.4 Resize text</a> (Level AA)                        | Supports          | Text can be resized up to 200 percent without loss of content or functionality.  |
| <a href="#">1.4.5 Images of Text</a> (Level AA)                     | Supports          | Outside of the logos with Alt Text present, no elements display necessary text via image.  |
| <a href="#">1.4.10 Reflow</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)                | Supports          | Content is presented without loss of information or functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions at 320 pixels vertical and 256 pixels horizontal. |
| <a href="#">1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)     | Supports          | User interface elements have a contrast ratio of at least 3:1.   |
| <a href="#">1.4.12 Text Spacing</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)          | Supports          | No loss of content or functionality occurs by setting line height, paragraph spacing, letter spacing and word spacing according to specifications.                     |



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| <a href="#">1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)       | Supports          | On Collection and Collection landing pages, extended narrative paragraphs are exposed and hidden based on click not focus. |
| <a href="#">2.4.5 Multiple Ways</a> (Level AA)                                | Supports          | More than one way is available to navigate the web pages within the site.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.6 Headings and Labels</a> (Level AA)                          | Supports          | Headings and labels are provided.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.7 Focus Visible</a> (Level AA)                                | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize keyboard focus or provide focus indication.  |
| <a href="#">2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)       | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize keyboard focus or provide focus indication.  |
| <a href="#">2.5.7 Dragging Movements</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)                  | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize dragging movements.  |
| <a href="#">2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)               | Not Applicable    | No elements utilize pointer inputs.  |
| <a href="#">3.1.2 Language of Parts</a> (Level AA)                            | Supports          | Language can be determined programmatically.   |
| <a href="#">3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</a> (Level AA)                        | Supports          | Navigation elements are repeated in the same order across the web site.  |
| <a href="#">3.2.4 Consistent Identification</a> (Level AA)                    | Supports          | Elements with the same functionality are identified in the same manner.  |
| <a href="#">3.3.3 Error Suggestion</a> (Level AA)                             | Supports          | Errors are displayed next to the form element.   |
| <a href="#">3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</a> (Level AA)    | Not Applicable    | No elements involve legal commitments or financial transactions.   |
| <a href="#">3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only) | Supports          | Authentication provides alternative methods via password memorization and email access.                                    |
| <a href="#">4.1.3 Status Messages</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)                  | Supports          | Status messages are not delivered via a change in context.   |