

Folger Shakespeare Library Accessibility Conformance Report

WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

Product Information

| Field | Value |
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| Product Name | World Shakespeare Bibliography Online |
| Report Date | January 2026 |
| Product Description | A searchable database of international Shakespeare scholarship containing over 138,000 annotated bibliography entries and reviews |
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| Notes | This report reflects internal evaluation conducted by Folger Shakespeare Library staff. It has not been audited by a third-party accessibility firm. |
| Evaluation Methods Used | Automated testing with axe DevTools 4.10.3 (WCAG 2.1 AA), manual keyboard navigation testing, screen reader testing with VoiceOver |

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

| Standard/Guideline | Included In Report |
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| WCAG 2.0 | Level A: No, Level AA: No, Level AAA: No |
| WCAG 2.1 | Level A: Yes, Level AA: Yes, Level AAA: No |
| WCAG 2.2 | Level A: No, Level AA: No, Level AAA: No |

Terms

- **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.

WCAG 2.1 Report

Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

| Criteria | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations |
|--|-------------------|---|
| 1.1.1 Non-text Content | Supports | All images have appropriate alt text. Decorative images use aria-hidden or empty alt. |
| 1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded) | Not Applicable | No audio or video content. |
| 1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded) | Not Applicable | No video content. |
| 1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded) | Not Applicable | No video content. |
| 1.3.1 Info and Relationships | Supports | Semantic HTML used throughout. Headings, lists, tables, and form labels properly structured. |
| 1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence | Supports | Reading order matches visual order. DOM structure follows logical sequence. |
| 1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics | Supports | Instructions do not rely solely on shape, size, or visual location. |
| 1.4.1 Use of Color | Supports | Color is not the sole means of conveying information. Links are underlined or have other visual indicators. |
| 1.4.2 Audio Control | Not Applicable | No auto-playing audio. |
| 2.1.1 Keyboard | Supports | All functionality available via keyboard. |
| 2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap | Supports | No keyboard traps present. Users can navigate away from all components. |
| 2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts | Not Applicable | No single-character keyboard shortcuts implemented. |
| 2.2.1 Timing Adjustable | Not Applicable | No time limits on user interaction. Session timeout handled by authentication system with adequate warning. |
| 2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide | Not Applicable | No moving, blinking, or auto-updating content. |

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| 2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold | Supports | No flashing content. |
| 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks | Supports | Skip to main content link provided. Navigation is consistent across pages. |
| 2.4.2 Page Titled | Supports | All pages have descriptive, unique titles. |
| 2.4.3 Focus Order | Supports | Focus order follows logical reading sequence. |
| 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context) | Supports | Link text is descriptive or context makes purpose clear. |
| 2.5.1 Pointer Gestures | Not Applicable | No multipoint or path-based gestures required. |
| 2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation | Supports | Click actions occur on up-event. No down-event triggers. |
| 2.5.3 Label in Name | Supports | Accessible names match visible labels. |
| 2.5.4 Motion Actuation | Not Applicable | No motion-activated functionality. |
| 3.1.1 Language of Page | Supports | HTML lang attribute set to "en" on all pages. |
| 3.2.1 On Focus | Supports | Focus does not trigger unexpected context changes. |
| 3.2.2 On Input | Supports | Form inputs do not trigger unexpected context changes. |
| 3.2.6 Consistent Help | Supports | Help link available in consistent location in navigation. |
| 3.3.1 Error Identification | Supports | Form errors are clearly identified in text. |
| 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions | Supports | All form fields have visible labels. Search help documentation provided. |
| 3.3.7 Redundant Entry | Not Applicable | No multi-step processes requiring redundant entry. |
| 4.1.1 Parsing | Supports | Per WCAG 2.0/2.1 errata, this criterion is always satisfied. |
| 4.1.2 Name, Role, Value | Supports | Custom components use appropriate ARIA attributes. Native HTML elements used where possible. |

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

| Criteria | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| 1.2.4 Captions (Live) | Not Applicable | No live audio content. |
| 1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded) | Not Applicable | No video content. |
| 1.3.4 Orientation | Supports | Content displays in both portrait and landscape orientations. |
| 1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose | Supports | Login form fields use appropriate autocomplete attributes. |
| 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) | Supports | Text contrast ratios meet 4.5:1 minimum. Verified with axe DevTools. |
| 1.4.4 Resize Text | Supports | Text can be resized to 200% without loss of content or functionality. |
| 1.4.5 Images of Text | Supports | No images of text used except for logos. |
| 1.4.10 Reflow | Supports | Content reflows at 320px width without horizontal scrolling. Responsive design implemented. |
| 1.4.11 Non-text Contrast | Supports | UI components and graphical objects have sufficient contrast. |
| 1.4.12 Text Spacing | Supports | No loss of content when text spacing is adjusted. |
| 1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus | Supports | Hover content is dismissible, hoverable, and persistent. |
| 2.4.5 Multiple Ways | Supports | Multiple navigation methods: search, browse by taxonomy, direct links. |
| 2.4.6 Headings and Labels | Supports | Headings and labels are descriptive. |
| 2.4.7 Focus Visible | Supports | Focus indicators visible on all interactive elements. |
| 2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum) | Supports | Focused elements are not obscured by other content. |
| 2.5.7 Dragging Movements | Not Applicable | No drag-and-drop functionality. |
| 2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum) | Supports | Interactive targets meet 24x24 CSS pixel minimum or have adequate spacing. |
| 3.1.2 Language of Parts | Partially Supports | Entry language metadata is stored but lang attributes are not currently applied to foreign language titles or content in the HTML output. |

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| 3.2.3 Consistent Navigation | Supports | Navigation is consistent across all pages. |
| 3.2.4 Consistent Identification | Supports | Components with same functionality identified consistently. |
| 3.3.3 Error Suggestion | Supports | Error messages provide suggestions where appropriate. |
| 3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data) | Not Applicable | No legal, financial, or test data submissions. Saved entries can be removed. |
| 3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum) | Supports | Authentication via username/password or institutional IP. No cognitive function tests. |
| 4.1.3 Status Messages | Supports | Status messages use appropriate ARIA live regions. |

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