

New Transparency Initiative to Promote Accessibility for Students With Disabilities

Leading digital content provider VitalSource has launched a new initiative to encourage greater accessibility transparency in the digital marketplace. This makes it easier for students with disabilities to understand which eTextbooks and course materials offer valuable accessibility features.

Recognizing the challenges students face when seeking accessible digital course materials, VitalSource has enabled its publisher partners to identify accessible content and highlight specific accessibility features. All eTextbooks and course content in the VitalSource catalog with one or more accessibility features **will now be clearly designated with an icon**.



The image shows a computer monitor displaying the VitalSource interface for the eTextbook 'Molecular Biology' by Michael M. Cox. The page includes the book cover, author information, publisher details, and a section titled 'eTextbook Features'. In this section, four icons are shown: 'Accessible' (a person with a blue circle around them), 'Reflowable', 'Read Anywhere 100% Offline', and 'Study Tools'. A magnifying glass icon is positioned over the 'Accessible' icon. To the right of the monitor, a circular icon of a person with a blue circle around them is shown. A dotted line connects this icon to a pop-up window titled 'View Accessibility Property Standards'. The pop-up window contains an 'Accessibility Summary' and a list of 'Accessibility Features' including alternativeText, captions, displayTransf..., longDescription, readingOrder, structuralNavi..., tableOfConte..., and resizeText. Below this, the 'Access Mode' section shows 'visual' and 'textual' options.



VitalSource is working with **more than 30 publishers** to identify additional accessible content.



At least 5,000 titles with accessibility features have already been identified.

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