

Ebook Central: Enhanced accessibility for all patrons

Empowering all researchers by providing equal access to our interface and content, regardless of users' abilities.

Ebook Central is designed to support better learning and research outcomes by providing the greatest breadth of critical ebook content to the most diverse set of students and researchers. Many of our users, such as those who are blind or have visual impairments, benefit from accessibility enhancements that make pages easier to read and navigate.

Designed to meet Level AA of W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0), **Ebook Central promotes simplified access to all users with features such as:**

- Certified for use with major screen readers (JAWS and VoiceOver) for reading the contents of a web or ebook reader page aloud
- Browser magnification increasing the entire screen to make text more visible
- Keyboard navigation so that pages can be navigated without the use of a mouse
- Formatted book content to be readable online and offline

Patrons are empowered to turn on accessibility functionality themselves with their screen reader – no librarian or tech support is needed – ensuring that students and researchers have convenient access to the tools they need for success, any time, and anywhere.

For more information, please visit the **ProQuest Ebook Central LibGuide** and view the Accessibility tab.



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More than meets the eye

On Ebook Central, there's much more on the page that sighted users don't see, such as hidden landmarks, descriptions of state ("this section is collapsed"), and other code to support accessibility. These elements don't show visibly but are detected by screen readers, providing additional information.

Everything has a purpose

Everything has been labeled according to its function, which makes navigation easy. There are many ways to navigate that are non-linear, and patrons can jump from heading to heading without having to read the text in between. Our approach is based on leading accessibility standards, so non-sighted users should be comfortable working right away.

Contrast and compare

Our colors meet AA standards for contrast, making it easier for partially sighted users.

The screenshot displays the ProQuest Ebook Central interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Search, Bookshelf, Settings, and Sign Out. Below this, a toolbar contains icons for download, print, and other actions, along with a page indicator showing 'Page 1 of 184'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a book cover for 'The Political Economy of Investment in Syria' by Linda Matar, published by Palgrave Macmillan UK in 2017. The right column shows the book's title, page number, and a table of contents. A prominent black notification box is overlaid on the page, stating: '2 The Political Economy of Investment in Syria Page 1 of 184 This page is bookmarked. Remove Bookmark This page contains a note...'. The bottom of the page includes social media icons for Facebook and Twitter, the ProQuest logo, and the website URL 'proquest.com'.