

What's GAAD all about?

Did you know?

May 16, 2024 is Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD).

Maybe you're a tech-savvy content creator? An IT guru? Or a digital consumer? All of the above? No matter how you look at it, digital technology is a part of everyone's life.

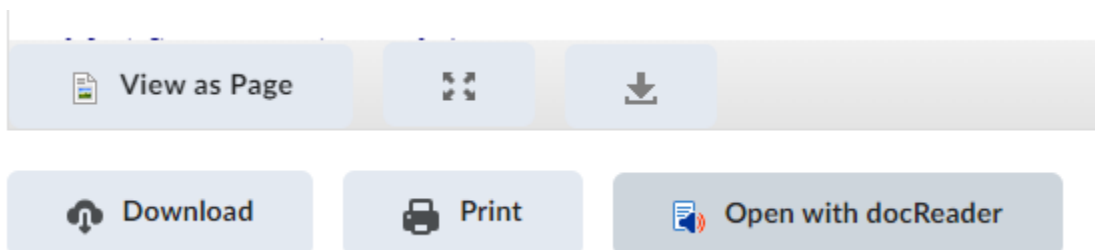
GAAD defines digital accessibility as, "the ability of people with disabilities/impairments to independently consume and or interact with digital applications and content." (Source: [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#))



Digital Accessibility at NLC:

NLC has built-in accessibility features in D2L, our Learning Management System. ReadSpeaker is a software designed to read text aloud. We want to encourage you to check it out and explore the different functions available through D2L Brightspace.

In your D2L classes, you can click on written content (Word, PDF), scroll down and click the "Open with docReader" button. Note that this software won't be able to read images, so items uploaded as photos (JPGs, etc.) will not be accessible.



Resources:

Looking for more info? Check out these great sites!

- Link to [Global Accessibility Awareness Day](#) main site
- Link to [GAAD Foundation](#) – “harnessing the energy of Global Accessibility Awareness Day”
- Link to [Digital Accessibility Toolkit](#) – Government of Canada
- Link to NLC’s [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(EDI\) Resource Library](#)

Thank you for celebrating GAAD today and everyday!