UW Library Accessibility Tools and Features

The UW Library has developed a Student Accessibility Guide that describes procedures to help provide an accessible and inclusive learning environment for all students, including those living with visible or invisible disabilities, mental health concerns, medical conditions, or temporary injuries.

The current Library Student Accessibility Guide is available to the public and can be found at https://library.uwinnipeg.ca/docs/uwinnipeg-library-student-accessibility-guide.docx.pdf

Accessibility Guide topics include:

- Getting to the library;
- Studying at the library;
- Assistive Technology and Accessibility Support;
- Accessing Library Resources.

All work stations have accessibility:

- Microsoft Word and Google Docs both have built-in speech recognition (dictation) functions;
- Library work stations have Windows Narrator (available in 35 languages)
- Magnifier function (Windows logo key + plus sign [+])
- The library has two dedicated accessible work stations as well as an express height-adjustable workstation intended for quick access, is available next to the circulation desk



The Accessible Workstations at the library have the following software and features:

- Screen readers (text-to-Speech [TTS])
 - JAWS 16 (Job Access With Speech)
 - NVDA (Non-Visual Desktop Access)
 - FSReader (DAISY [Digital Accessible Information System] book reading software])
- Scanning
 - Adobe Acrobat X Pro: to convert scans of books into OCR (Optical character reader) format, which can then be converted to PDF or DOC format.