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Addressing Accessibility in WebPAC

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Brief Background

- Ohio Northern University
 - Small private university
 - o 2,855 FTE (Fall 2019)
- Two libraries on campus
 - Heterick Memorial Library
 - Taggart Law Library
- Project began as design revamp of libraries' catalog
 - Coincide with ONU website redesign/update
 - Found issues with accessibility while exploring webpage

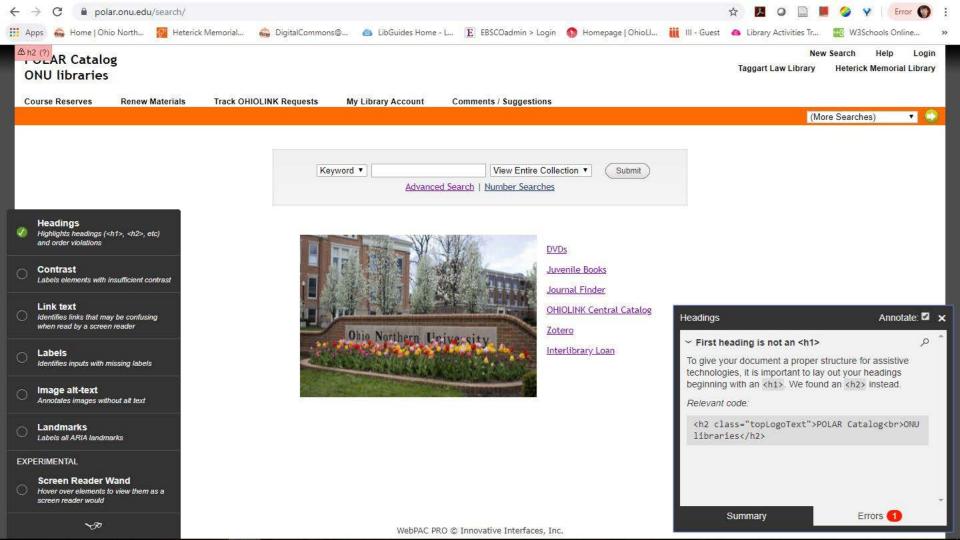


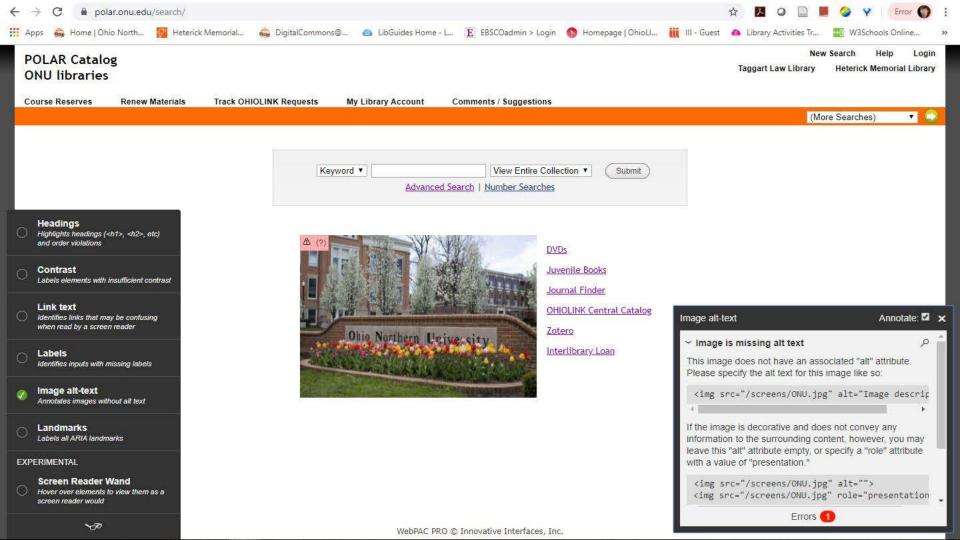
Accessibility Tools Used

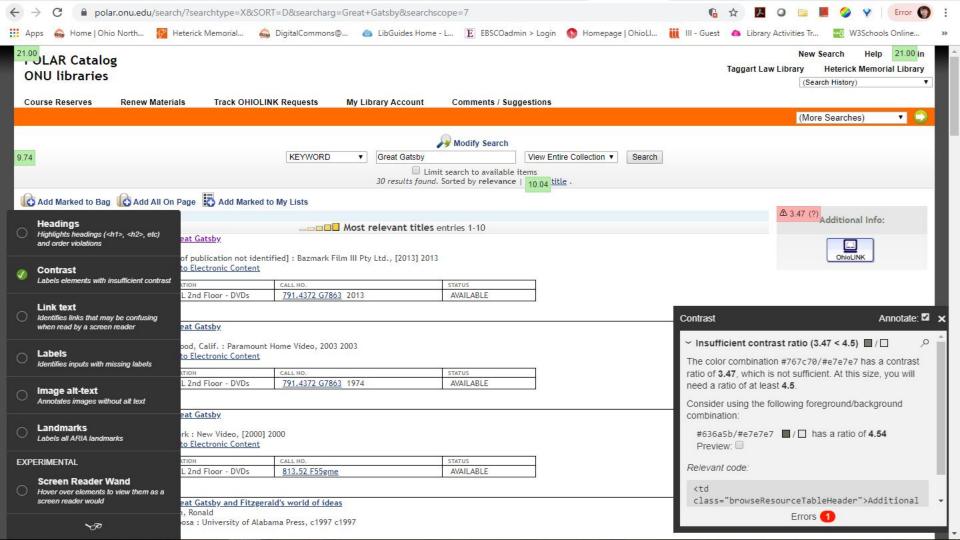
- Guidelines for web accessibility:
 - Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1
 - <u>LibA11y, a guide to making library content accessible</u>
- Tota11y, from Khan University
 - Browser extension that can detect accessibility issues on webpages
- Contrast Checker, from WebAIM
 - Details whether color contrast ratios meet WCAG AA and AAA regulations

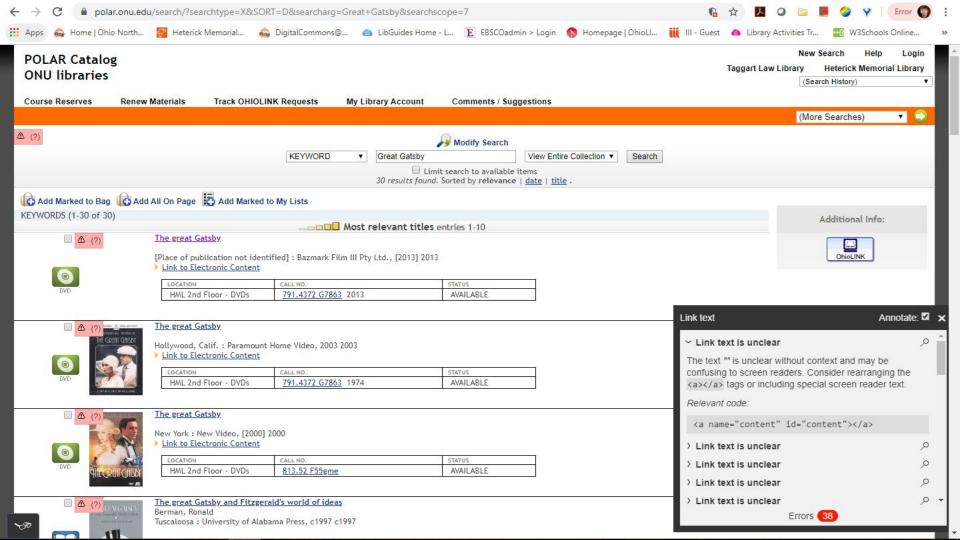
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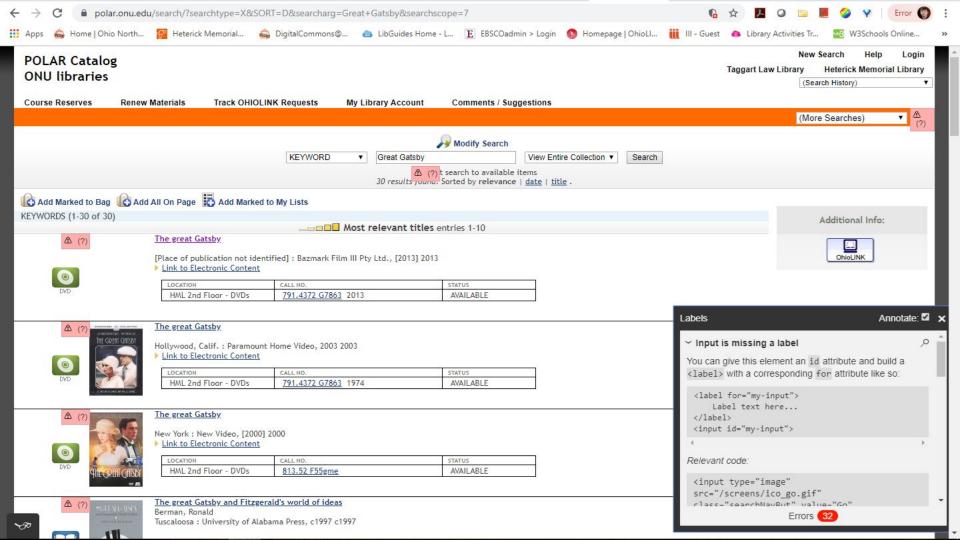
- 1. Use Tota11y to find issues and impacted code
 - a. Use Contrast Checker, if applicable
- 2. Copy information to Google Sheets for tracking
 - a. Include recommended solutions and comments
- 3. Update impacted code in WebPAC











Project Hurdles

- ONU website updated sooner than originally scheduled
- Still gaining familiarity with WebPAC
- Other job responsibilities arose and took priority

Future Goals

- Deep dive into further accessibility testing
- Develop annual routine and guidelines for checking library accessibility
- Continue catalog design revamp

Questions?

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