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Selecting Strong Visuals for Exhibits Resource Guide

Publications:

National Park Service, *Programmatic Accessibility Guidelines for National Park Service Interpretive Media* (<https://www.nps.gov/HFC/pdf/accessibility/access-guide-aug2009.pdf>)

Smithsonian Guidelines for Accessible Exhibition Design, especially Chapter 3, "Label Design and Text" (<https://www.si.edu/Accessibility/SGAED>)

Websites:

Color Contrast Checker (<http://webaim.org/resources/contrastchecker/>): check the contrast between your text (foreground) color and background color by inputting color values. Results tell you whether you "pass" for both large and small type.

<http://www.dafont.com>: downloads of all types of fonts, free licenses for non-commercial uses

Lighthouse International, Aries Ardit, "Designing for People with Partial Sight and Color Deficiencies," <http://li129-107.members.linode.com/accessibility/design/accessible-print-design/effective-color-contrast/>

PicMonkey (<http://www.picmonkey.com>): free web-based photo editing, good for touching up modern images.

Printing and Scanning DPI Calculator (<http://www.scantips.com/calc.html>): about 2/3 of the way down the page; enter your print size (the dimensions you want to print at) and input size (dimensions of the original); click "calculate scan resolution" and calculator will tell you what dpi to scan your original at (e.g., "requires the Scanning Resolution of 480 dpi").

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