



Tip of the Week:

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Grey Literature:
Find the "Good"
Stuff

Grey Literature Report

Fill the gaps in your public health research

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Check out page 2 of the "Tip" for more great Grey Literature Resources!



GreySource
A Selection of Web-based Resources in Grey Literature

Grey Literature
Its most basic characteristic is that it is not readily found

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Grey literature is the unpublished, non-commercial, hard-to-find information that organizations such as professional associations, research institutes, think tanks, and government departments produce.

It can be invaluable to your research: it is part of the overall evidence base and functions as an alternative source that may be used to overcome possible bias presented by published information.

Grey Literature is often part of the "deep" web, not easily accessible through search engines like Google or Bing. Grey literature publications are non-conventional and sometimes ephemeral. They may include preprints, preliminary progress and advanced reports, technical reports, statistical reports, memoranda, market research reports, theses, conference proceedings, bibliographies, official documents not published commercially (primarily government reports and documents).

The [Grey Literature Report](#) is a bimonthly publication of the **New York Academy of Medicine** alerting readers to new grey literature publications in health services research and public health.

Another great find is [GreySource Index: A Selection of Web-based Resources in Grey Literature](#).

[Open Grey](#) provides open access to over 700,000 grey literature papers produced in Europe (research reports, doctoral dissertations & some conference papers).

"Between the extremes of black and white"

• published journals	• preprints	• ideas
• books	• e-prints	• concepts
• professional society conference proceedings	• technical reports	• thought
	• lectures	
	• numeric data sets	
	• audio/visual media	
	• blogs	
	• fora, etc.	

Grey = Deep

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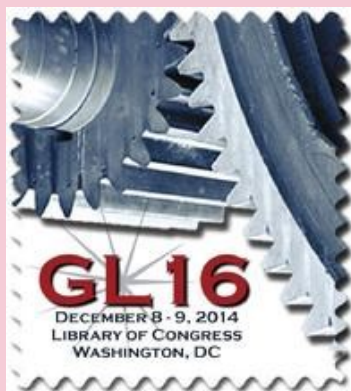
Grey Literature- Producing Organizations

[http://www.greylit.org/
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The 16th Annual Conference on Grey Literature was recently held In Washington DC this past December.

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More Good Stuff:

Finding Grey Literature Evidence and Assessing for Outcome and Analysis Reporting Biases When Comparing Medical Interventions: AHRQ and the Effective Health Care Program

<http://www.effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/search-for-guides-reviews-and-reports/?pageaction=displayProduct&productID=1751>

From the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ).



Searching for grey literature can be time consuming because it is not usually included in bibliographic databases. Therefore, knowing **how** to search correctly for grey literature can help you use your time as effectively as possible.

The links below provide a quick introduction to searching for grey literature.

Finding the hard to finds: searching for grey literature in biomedicine

<http://www.slideshare.net/giustinid/libr534-class-vi-ib2>

A concise and helpful PowerPoint presentation on grey literature and how to find it from Dean Giustini, Biomedical Librarian at the University of British Columbia.

Finding the Hard to Finds: Searching for Grey Literature (2010)

<http://www.slideshare.net/giustinid/finding-the-hard-to-finds-searching-for-grey-gray-literature-2010>

Giustini's accompanying handout listing resources and detailed instructions on searching for grey literature.

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