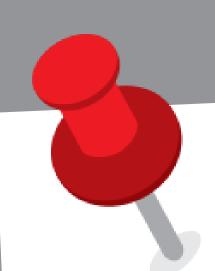
Grey is the New Black: How to Keep up with

Grey Literature in the Academic Library

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Definition

"Information produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing i.e. where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body." —ICGL Luxembourg definition, 1997. Expanded in New York, 2004.



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Searching for Grey Literature

• Good resources that help to monitor changes in a particular field

Covers current state of affairs and historical collections

Information comes from industry and other non-academic institutions

Is generated on various levels from international, state, province to municipality

Dissertations and Theses Global

and company information)

briefs, conferences proceedings)

IEEE Xplore Digital Library (narrow down to "conference publications")

Government Information (use Carleton's Google custom search engine)

Business Source Complete (select publication type "Grey literature", also search market reports

Scopus (worldwide coverage available of scientific, technical, medical and social sciences litera-

CIAO Columbia International Affairs Online (includes working papers, occasional papers, policy

CURVE (Carleton University Repository Virtual Environment)

WorldCat (covers resources outside of Carleton's collection)

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Why keep current?

 It is a way to locate experts in a field Is rapidly produced and also very current

Includes unpublished research

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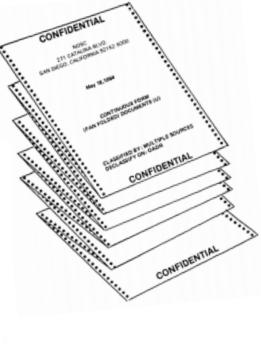
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Grey literature is an important source of information for research. It provides access to a broad range of information and

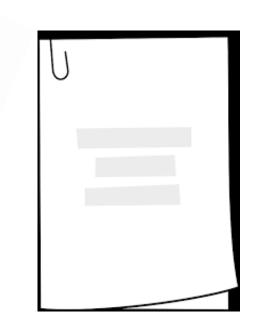
often contains new ideas. Searching grey literature also offers the potential to balance any tendencies for publication bias found in published literature. It helps introduce alternative perspectives that may not be represented in standard literature.

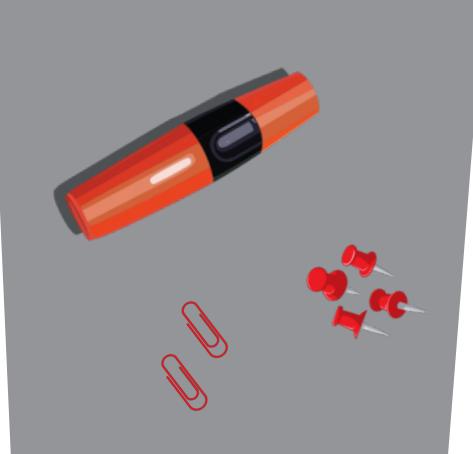
Grey literature is notreadily available through conventional sources such as mainstream publishers and subscription



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- Accuracy
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- Web longevity



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Open Grey

The Directory of Open Access Repositories (OpenDOAR)

World Wide Science.org

Grey Matters (Canadian Agency for Drugs and

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Registry of Open Access Repositories

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Examples of Databases

How to stay up to date?



















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