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The GreyLit Report: Understanding the Challenges of Finding Grey Literature

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AGENDA

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Data Collection
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Recommendation





INTRODUCTION

The Academy Grey Literature Report

- Produced since 1999
- Captures timely grey literature
- Bimonthly report to subscribers





INTRODUCTION

Research Purpose

- Systematic review searching
- Nature of grey literature searching
- Types of grey literature searching

Research Questions:

- What challenges do researchers face when trying to find greylit?
- How are researchers searching for greylit?
- To what extent does the GreyLit Report help researchers?



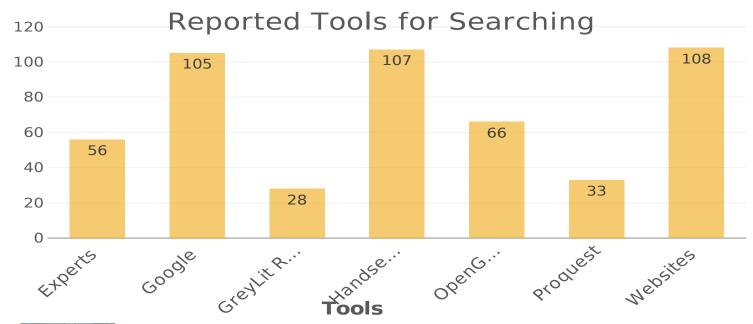


LITERATURE REVIEW

Articles Analyzed

GreyLit sources: 297

• Search strategies: 57







STRATEGIES earch strategies found

- Searches should include: online databases, web search engines and websites, repositories, OPAC, experts, and handsearching. (Mahood, 2010)
- 1.5 hrs avg. time spent searching one greylit source. (Saleh, 2014)
- Searching just the title field in Google (allintitle:) produces the best results for greylit and the bulk of greylit reports are after page 35. (Haddaway, 2015)



LITERATURE REVIEW: SEARCH

REPORTING Reporting of search results vary

- Majority of respondents only reported one search detail. (Briscoe, 2015).
 - Recommended reporting: name, URL, dates searched, search terms, and results.
- Develop a search plan. (Godin, 2015)





DATA COLLECTION

Participants:

- 12 interviews; 14 participants (11 Females 3 Male);
- Librarians, Information Professionals, Researchers
- UK, Australia, USA, Canada

Data Collection:

- Remote interviews (phone & Skype)
- Audio recorded





RESULTS & ANALYSIS: GREYLIT







RESULTS & ANALYSIS: TOPICS

Topical searches of interest

- Multiple responses per participant
- Specific to topics within participant's field
- Themes
 - Clinical Medicine
 - Health Care
 - Policy
 - Public Health





RESULTS & ANALYSIS: GREYLIT REPORT

Experience with the GreyLit Report

- Recommends: 50% (6)
- Current awareness tool: 50% (6)
- Good experience: 42% (5)

Other Resources Indexed

- Conference Proceedings
- Datasets
- Webinars





CONCLUSION

- Variety of methods to find grey literature
 - GreyLit Report is 5th most cited
- Searching Google is #1, followed by contacting experts
- GreyLit Report is seen as an alert or current awareness resource. Highly recommended by librarians
- Recommend:



h search methods for finding grey

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QUESTIONS?

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