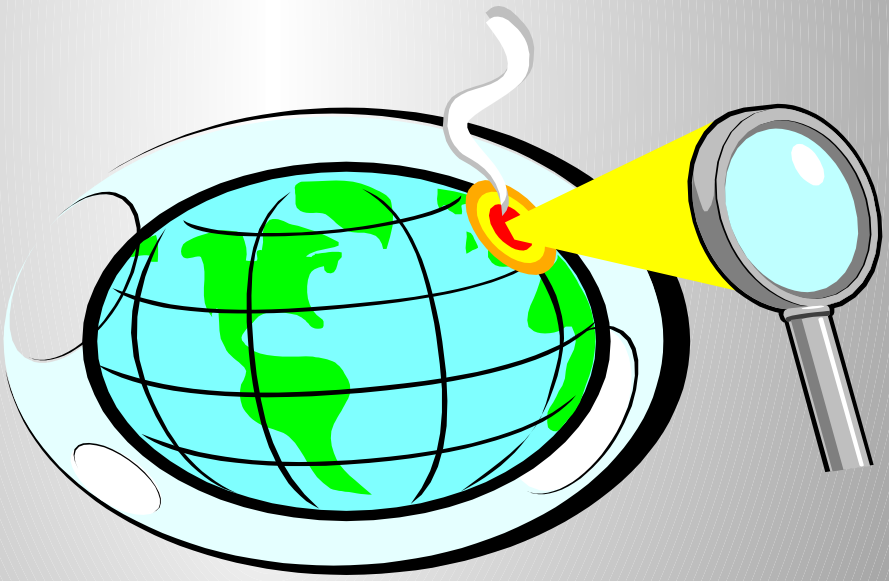
Taking Grey Literature Global



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WHY GREY?

- Some of the “Best Practices” or promising methods or ideas never make it to the peer reviewed journals

- Hundreds of organizations publish their own findings-reports, proceedings, official documents--some escape *PUBMED* and others are buried in Google

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Global Grey Literature in Health

- Not published by commercial publishers
  - not in the journal literature
  - often inaccessible
- You need to know what you are looking for and it often requires lots of your time

- Aggregates information in health
- Pushes it out to users
- Standardizes it
- Link Checks
- Archives
- Saves users time & effort

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Grey Literature Report

The **Grey Literature Report** is a bimonthly publication of The New York Academy of Medicine Library alerting readers to new grey literature publications in health services research and selected public health topics. In addition to this alert service, all resources are added and indexed in our Online Catalog.

To learn more, please follow the links below:

- What is Grey Literature?
- Current Grey Literature Report
- Archived Grey Literature Reports
- Collection Development Policy

AMSER

The Grey Literature Report can now be found through AMSER: Applied Math and Science Education Repository, a webliographical resource funded by the National Science Foundation.

Health Policy Picks

A partnership between KaiserEDU.org and the Grey Literature Collection to bring you a monthly selection of resources in the areas of health care policy research and analysis.

The Scout Report

The Grey Literature Report is featured in the December 11, 2009 issue of the Internet Scout Project's Scout Report.

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The Grey Literature Report

OLD

- Static HTML list
- Sorted only by publisher
- Only publisher, title, and year shown
- Past entries database searchable via NYAM Library online catalog and WorldCat
- No user participation

NEW

- Dynamic
- Sortable and searchable
- More information, including subjects and abstracts
- Database searchable within *Grey Literature Report* website
- Still in Library catalog and WorldCat
- Interactive with user comments, feedback, and submissions

Why?

- Web has made our world smaller
- Web has also made our world larger
- Important to share resources
- Identified “best practices” need to be replicated
- Last ICUH conference in Nairobi
- Mystique of undiscoverable information
- Carnegie working with African libraries as an introduction

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The formation of partnerships

- University of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
- University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
- University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana

- 6 librarians
- 3 days
- Capacity
- Audiences
- Technology
- Collections
- Cultural and academic similarities and differences

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African Librarians visit NYAM for Grey Literature Partnership

From left to right: Sitsofe Dzansi (University of Ghana, Balme Library) , Sarah A. Andinku (University of Ghana, Legon, Balme Library) , and Dr. Glenda Myers (University of the Witwatersrand Health Sciences Library)

talk “grey literature” at the 9th International Conference on Urban Health

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Partnering for Global Grey Literature

From left to right

Professor Jangawe Msuya,
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Lea Myohanen, NYAM

Ying Jia, NYAM

Elizabeth Taylor, NYAM

Professor Alice G. Nkhoma-Wamunza,
University of Dar Es Salaam

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What we learned

- Everyone has boxes of “hidden” hard to find information
- Some current and some old
- Africa has limited bandwidth, problems with postal service
- Email is our best way to communicate
- Training is needed

- A like infrastructure within libraries for dissemination of grey literature, i.e., MARC records; content development; talk the same language
- Capacity to find grey literature is within the global librarians
- Indexing and dissemination is best done from NYAM

Next Steps

- Project 1
- Inventorying of retrospective collections
- Selection criteria
- Scanning
- Indexing and input to report
- Training handbooks

- Project 2
- Current content collection
- All libraries to participate using GLR criteria
- Development of a open access content management system
- NYAM catalogs and disseminates

To be continued

- Deliverables to kick start the partnerships
  - Start with a Google group for communication
  - Report to assorted Universities for administrative support and commitments
  - Identify and seek funding
    - to buy scanners for African libraries
    - to develop a content management system from our more robust back-end database
- Stay tuned for next steps

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“Go Grey” and Join NYAM

<u>Librarians</u>

- Help expand the database
- Identify producers
- Contribute to the Grey Lit Report
- Join the discussion
- Subscribe to the report

<u>Researchers/Publishers</u>

- Tell us what you need
- Identify producers + authors of grey lit
- Subscribe to the Grey Lit report
- Bring questions
- Join the blog

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Get Grey Everyday…

Urban Health Today: A Current-Awareness Tool

News and Grey Literature surrounding the health of people in cities worldwide

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010

Gender-Based Violence and HIV

USAid examines the relationship between gender-based violence and HIV/AIDS. The reduction of gender-based violence is another strategy in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Full report is available

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Labels: HIV/AIDS, intimate partner violence

Protecting Child Nutritional Status in the Aftermath of a Financial Crisis

The World Bank looks at the effectiveness of a supplementary feeding program initiated in Indonesia following the financial crisis there.

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