

# Grau Grey Gris

Data. Sources. Literature.  
Libraries. Information.

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GL 9 Antwerp “Grey Foundations in Information Landscape”

Grey,  
my friend,  
is every  
theory.

Goethe: Faust



# 'Grey Literature' Theory

- Definition by Dominic Farace and GL
  - “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”,*
- List of Sources in Greynet
- From Grey Literature to Grey Sources

# Grey literature multilingual

- 1.960.000 grey literature.
- 1.520.000 littérature grise.
- 1.270.000 graue Literatur
- 1,080,000 灰色文献灰色文献
- 692.000 letteratura grigia.
- ... (Google hits, 08.12.07) 项


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灰色文献

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网页

约有1,080,000项符合灰色文献的查询结果，以下是第1-10项（搜索用时 0.31 秒）

### [灰色文献浅谈|丁香园-医学、药学、生命科学专业人士的网上家园](#)

谈到这些，不由让我将与灰色检索很相近的一个文献专业词语“灰色文献”联系到一起，呵呵，它们可不是一回事。由于对其感兴趣，因此，列出这个话题与感兴趣的战友讨论一下 ...

[www.dxy.cn/portal/knowledge/5/27.html](http://www.dxy.cn/portal/knowledge/5/27.html) - 20k - [类似网页](#)

### [灰色文献的情报价值与开发利用的措施](#)

灰色文献，一般指通过常规的出版流通途径或一般的查阅方法难以获得的、有使用价值的各种知识信息载体，又称特种文献或内部资料。它是当前国内外图书情报界公认的重要 ...

[www.fjinfo.gov.cn/publicat/qbts/011/2.htm](http://www.fjinfo.gov.cn/publicat/qbts/011/2.htm) - 10k - [类似网页](#)

### [检索新名词－“灰色文献”检索方法探索网上读书园地论坛- powered by ..](#)

“灰色文献”(gray literature)是对一组特殊类型的文献的总称，目前还没有一个明确的定义，各种称谓也很多，如非正式出版文献(non-publication literature)、非常规 ...

[www.readfree.net/bbs/simple/t187134.html](http://www.readfree.net/bbs/simple/t187134.html) - 8k - [类似网页](#)

### [网际网路的-繁 - \[ 转为简体网页 \]](#)

灰色文献存在已久，早在1920年代已有书面记载。如今因应学者专家的资讯需求，且借 ... 而灰色文献虽公开发行，但出版消息取得困难等的特性，导致搜集不易，因此有关 ...

[www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/pub/mk/mk49/mk49-02.htm](http://www.lib.ntu.edu.tw/pub/mk/mk49/mk49-02.htm) - 14k - [类似网页](#)

### [重视灰色文献的开发与利用-作者:宿鹏](#)

随着信息时代的到来 情报工作日渐重要 灰色文献作为一种重要的情报来源 往往被人们忽视 灰

and spanish,  
and polish,  
and danish,  
and russian,  
and hindi ....

# The Impact of Grey...

(From the Druckmuseum Graz)

- old
- dull
- trist
- neutral
- serious
- unknown
- insignificant

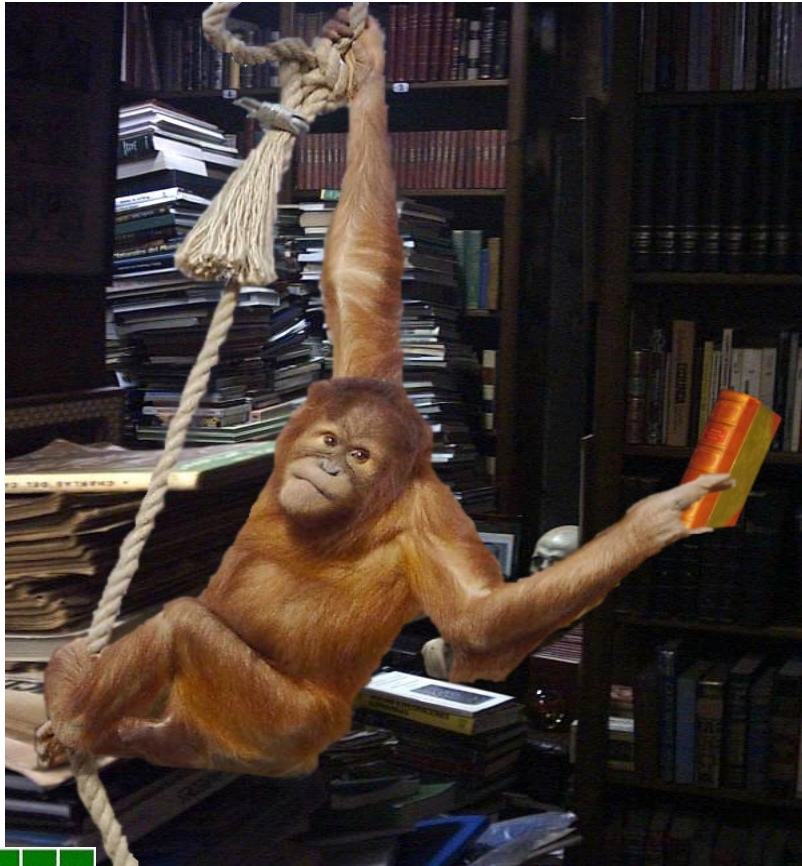


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# Many Librarians...

- buy hard-covered books only
- do not acknowledge a value for grey literature
- are not comfortable with grey sources
- hate difficulties in grey literature acquisition
- have problems with the use of grey literature.



he Librarian from Terry Pratchett's *Discworld*. demimiso  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/demimiso/5378295/> (cc-by-2.0) "



# Why ?

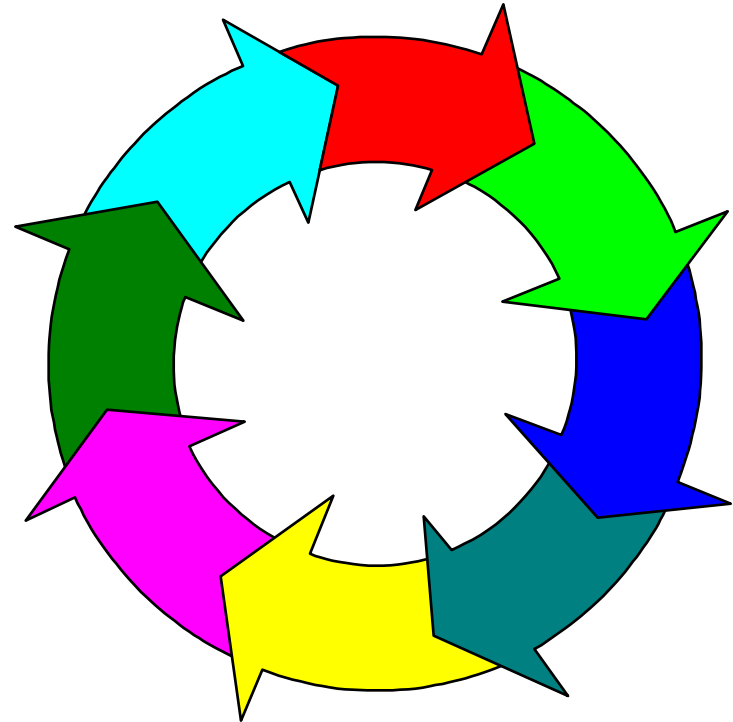
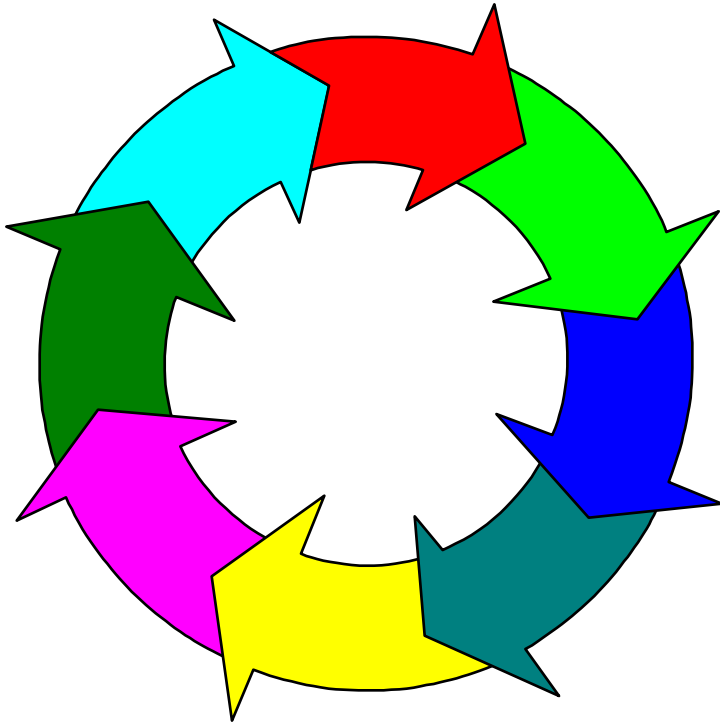
Grey Literature is

- difficult to order
- difficult to catalog
- difficult to file
- difficult to search
- difficult to access
- difficult to preserve





# Shades of Black and White against the colour of for-profit-publishing?



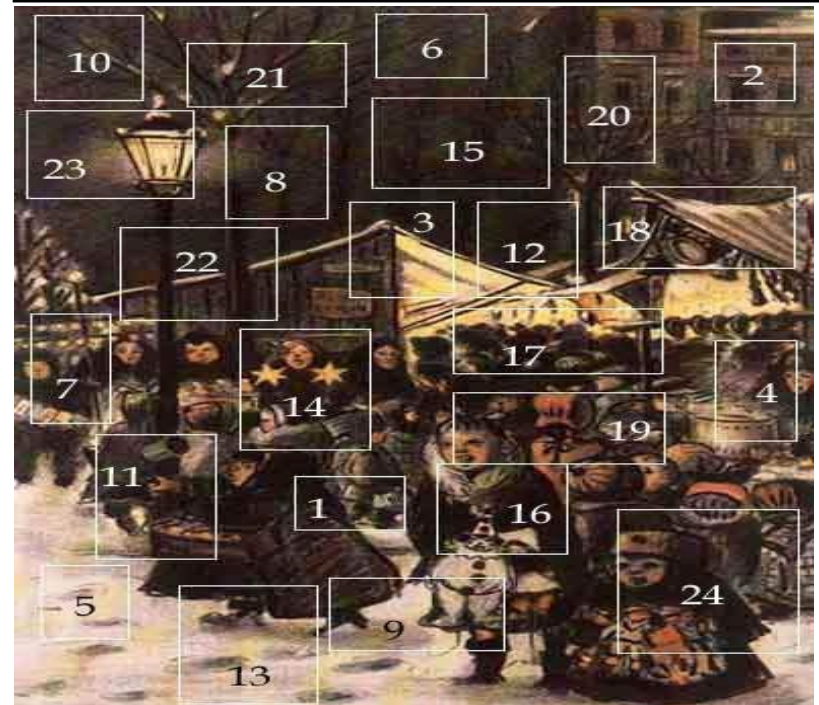
# Libraries create Grey Literature

Full text



BUENOS AIRES 2004

Advent- Calendar  
Pictures and history behind  
each number



Claudia Lux : Grey GL9 07

 zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin

# 20th Century

## More Scientists than ever before



- 17th Century 1 Million
- 1950 10 Million
- 2000 100 Million

and more publications....

Since the 17th Century the Amount of published information has doubled every 10 - 20 years

Worldwide production of original information, if stored digitally, in terabytes circa 2002.

Storage Medium	Upper Estimate
Paper	1.634
Film	420.254
Magnetic	5.187.130
Optical	103
Total	5.609.121

5 exabytes of new information in 2002

92 % on magnetic media / hard disks

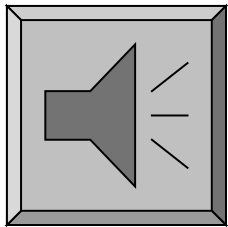
August 2005: 5 million web servers

April 2006: 35,3 million blogs



# this was yesterday...

- yesterday



# Libraries and Information Institutions are Engines for the Knowledge Society of the 21st Century

Virtual Library

Electronic Library

Virtual Library

Digital Library

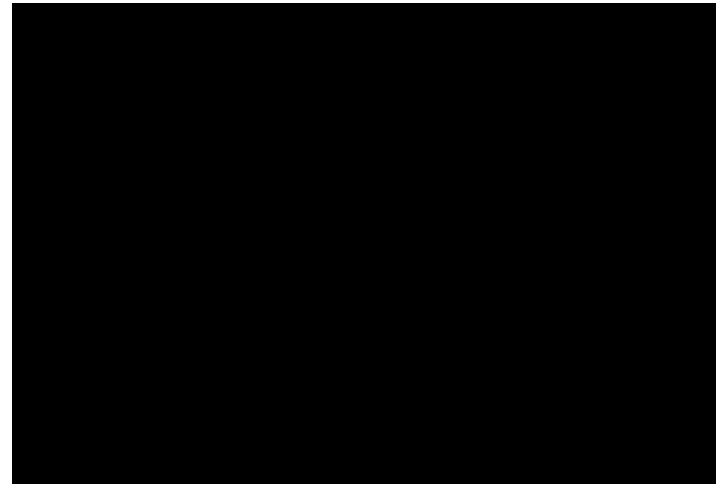
Digital Library

Hybrid Library



# Grey Sources - All Formats for the Knowledge Society

- CD, CD-ROM, DVD
- Electronic Database
- E-Journals
- E-Books
- Files
- WWW
- Digital Objects



# New Grey Sources ?

Search technology will include the ability to search for such attributes as taste, smell, texture, reflectivity, opacity, mass, density, tone, speed, and volume. (Fey, Da Vinci Institute)

# Virtual Services for the Knowledge Society



- OPAC
- SMS Reminder
- Newsletter / RSS
- Link-Collections
- Digitisation
- Metadata



# E-LernBar of ZLB

Customers want

- Interactive Language Courses
- Digital Photogalleries
- Music Compilation and Creation
- Learn Technology



# ....and more with Library 2.0

- Chat
- Info-Bot
- Wiki
- Podcast
- Blog
- Conference Videos



# How Library and Information Professionals are serving the Knowledge Society

- Deep Indexing
- Enhanced Search
- Virtual services
- Open Access
- Document Server



# Pros and Cons

Contra: „Not all information is relevant and must be collected by libraries“

PRO: „Somebody must collect and preserve collected data for future use“

Who?

# Cyberinfrastructure 1

German Research Foundation's Program  
up to 2015 on Digital Information:

- National Licences
- Digitising
- Digital Preservation
- Open Access
- Primary Research Data +



# Digitising

- Senatsbibliothek Berlin (ZLB) DFG Grant
- Collection of unconventional material on city-planning
- Cities agree to the digitisation
- Open access using Opus server technology

# Grey Literature collected digital

Senatsbibliothek Berlin

Sammelschwerpunkt Nicht-konventionelle Materialien zu Städtebau, Landesplanung, Raumordnung aus dem deutschsprachigen Bereich (20.1)

**Allgemeine Informationen**

Die Senatsbibliothek Berlin als Teil der Stiftung Zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin hat als die zentrale wissenschaftliche Behördenbibliothek für das Land Berlin und als Pflichtexemplarbibliothek für die Amtlichen Druckschriften des Landes Berlin 1974 von der DFG das Sondersammelgebiet 20,1 'Nicht-konventionelle Materialien zu Städtebau, Landesplanung, Raumordnung aus dem deutschsprachigen Bereich' übertragen bekommen.

In Kooperation mit dem [Deutschen Institut für Urbanistik \(Difu\)](#) werden Zeitschriften, Monographien und Hochschulschriften gesammelt und formal und sachlich erschlossen. Eine sehr wichtige Gruppe dieser "Grauen Literatur" sind z.B. Planungspapiere, Forschungsberichte und Gutachten von Gebietskörperschaften.

Schwerpunkte der Sammlung bilden die Bereiche: Orts-, Raum- und Landesplanung; Bevölkerung; Recht und

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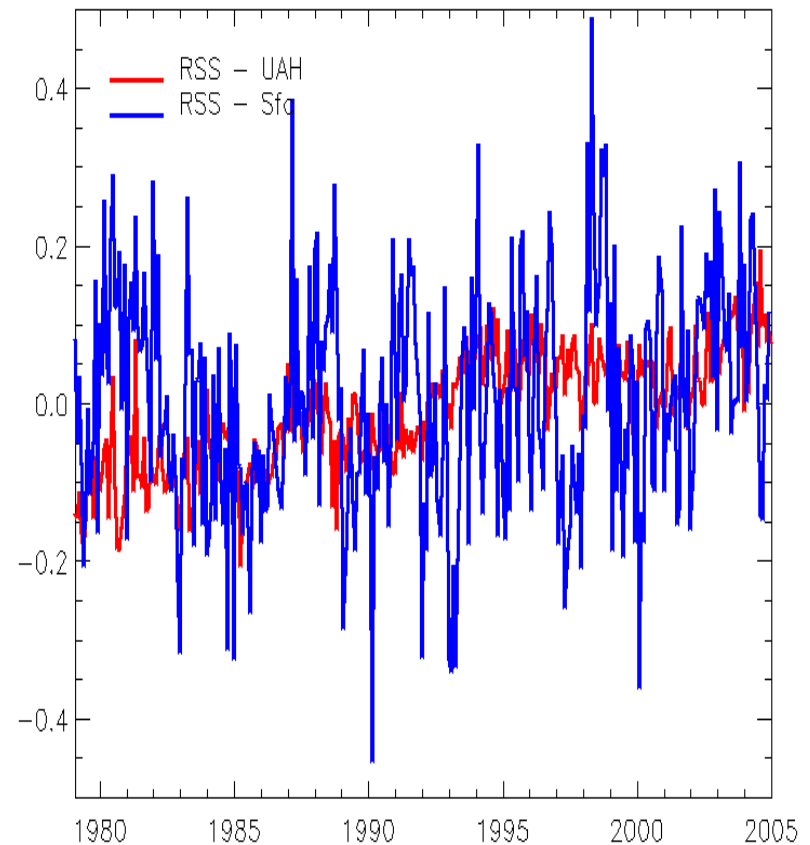
zentral- und Landesbibliothek Berlin

# Digital Preservation

- ZLB downloading Grey Literature from the Web
- Save on servers in Berlin
- Plan to collaborate with the German National Library and the Digital Preservation Program, when it is installed

# Primary Research Data

- data as a base of published research
- digital preservation for new research (shared data)
- how to collect, to catalogue, to preserve, to use datasets



# Cooperation

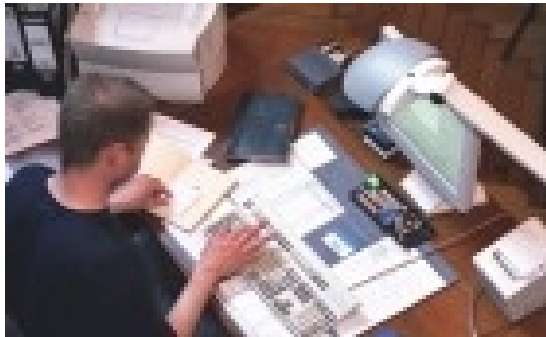
- Data Centre and Libraries working together
- Knowledge Exchange Partners, DINI
- Technology?
- Standards?
- Use of Data?

# Cyberinfrastructure 2

Council of Library and Information Research (CLIR), Washington DC, feature a project:

- Scholars' Evaluation and Analysis of Major Digitisation Projects

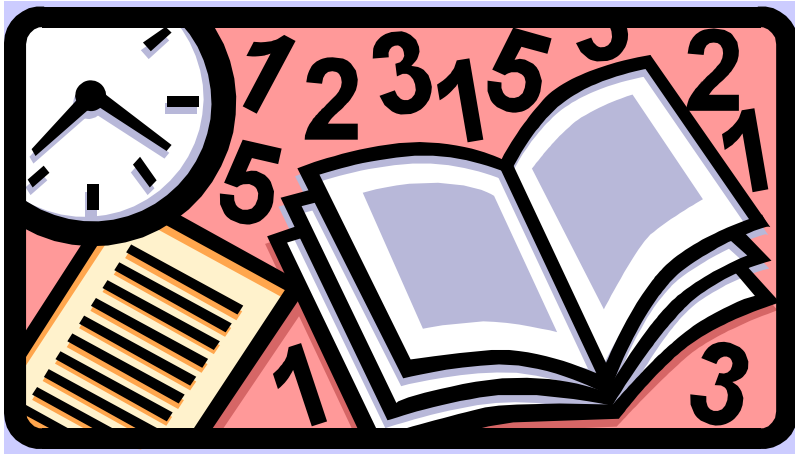
# How do researcher use it?



- More and different information (Videos, Podcasts, Papers, Data) primary as Grey Sources and Open Access
- Combination to a far wider degree as ever before



# Will Research Change?



- Are Scholars prepared to use new combinations?
- Levels of academic carrier - are they changing from print to digital and open access ?

# Helmholtz Society

## Grey Source: Conference Video

[http://www.tfh-wildau.de/tfhibib/media/oa\\_videos/20061026\\_oa\\_teil9.wmv](http://www.tfh-wildau.de/tfhibib/media/oa_videos/20061026_oa_teil9.wmv)

### Science in the Net and Open Access

Workshop at the TFH Wildau,  
26.10.2006

Example:

**Dr. Jens Klump**

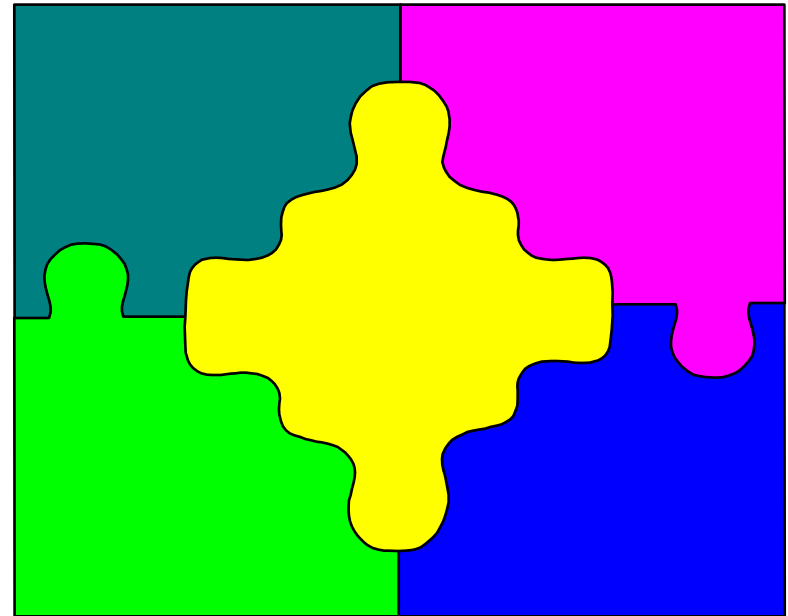
(GeoForschungsZentrum Potsdam)

***Das Helmholtz Open  
Access Projekt***



# Impact to the Future of Grey?

- Broad accepted standards are urgent
- Merging of Material
- Descriptions that opens aspects to future research?



# Challenges to Library and Information Professionals

- Future development
- Technology
- Partnership and co-operation
- ...

# Technology is the Key...

- and turning the key is a task for the library and information professional to open the gate to knowledge for further research



# What do we need?

GL9

Greynet

- Organisations like GL
- Active development and use of guidelines and standards
- Public institutions and public support

# International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions

- Sharing Professional Knowledge
- International Congress
- Global Contacts

- Guidelines
- Manifestos
- Standards
- Best Practise
- Advocacy



# Libraries on the Agenda!

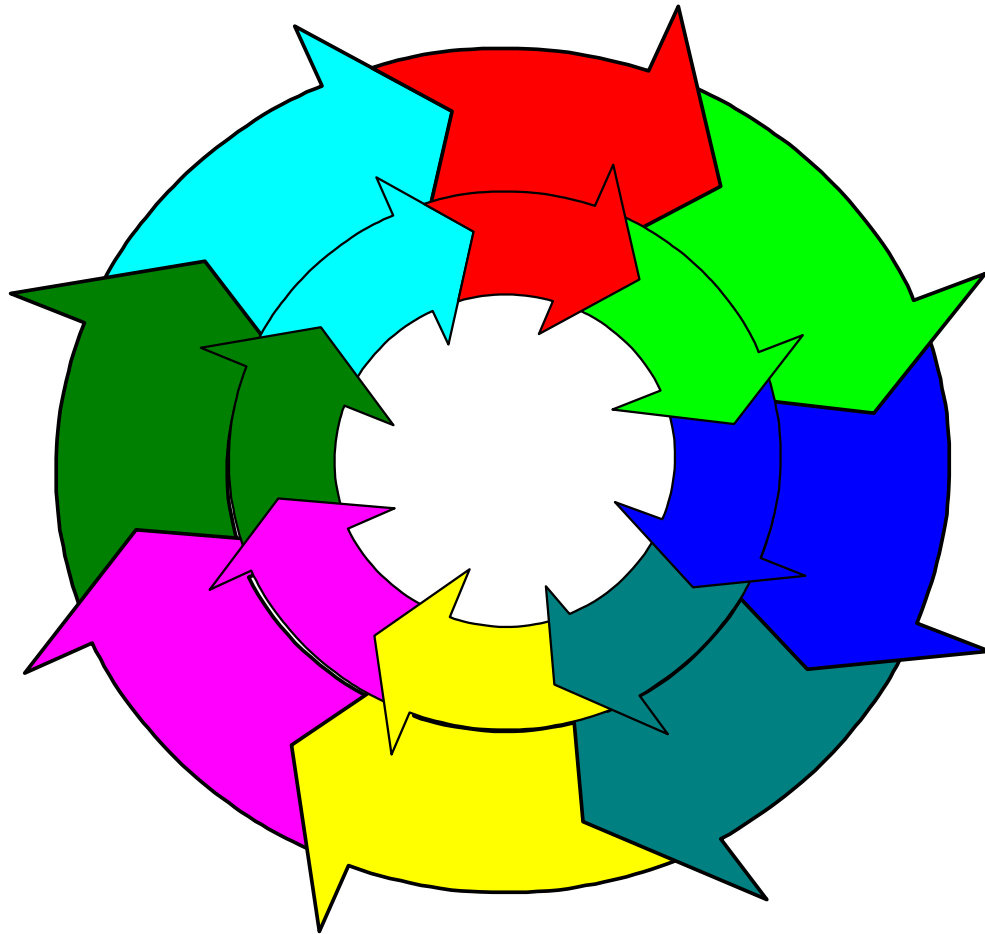
- Marketing of our Library and Information Services
- Presentation of our Value and our Impact on the Information Society (World Summit of the Information Society)
- in all fields (Success Data Base)

# Grey Literature Success Story



Agrartechnology  
Small company in  
East Germany  
key of new technology:  
a dissertation  
in German!  
Who loaded it up the  
net?  
The University library!

# Between Black and White: Grey Literature is Coloured!





Grey, my friend, is every  
theory,  
and green alone life's golden  
tree.

# Thank you for your attention!

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and don't forget to.... join IFLA  
(if you have not done yet)

