

The New York Academy of  
Medicine  
Grey Literature Report

# Background and Format



- Gray, Brad H. 1998; first published in 1999
- Electronic with paper copies in the library
- Quarterly, Feb, May, August, November
- Reports listed alphabetically by organizations; links to e-format
- English only, less than 2 years old

# Audience



- NYAM staff
- People involved in:
  - public health
  - health & science policy
  - health of minorities
  - special populations
- NLM
- Subscribers, Medlib-l list-serv



# Collection methods

- Organizations and items are identified through email alerts from the organizations, serendipitous reading, current awareness sites and staff referrals.
- Organizations are scanned for new publications at least once during the quarterly schedule of the report.
- Paper copies of most items are acquired for the library collection, either ordered or printed from the web site.
- Types of organizations
  - Private, advocacy, government



# Cataloging

- URLs are added to bibliographic records
- Complete TOCs are added
- High percentage of records are unique items in OCLC
- Individual titles of each series are cataloged separately
- Cataloged records included in OCLC and NML's catalog (LOCATORplus)



# Grey Lit Team

- 2 librarians

→ .4 FTE

- 2 catalogers

→ .8 FTE

- 1 Support staff

→ .4 FTE

(Kaplan, Janice, 2003, personal communication)

# Findings of Subscriber Survey 2002



- Respondents primarily librarians
- Forward material to others
- Desires:
  - publish the Report monthly
  - make the Report into a searchable database
- Re-conduct survey in the future



# Problems & Future Directions

- Link maintenance/or not?
  - time consuming
  - archiving agreements with publishing organizations?
- Report is not searchable
  - create a searchable database?
  - use scoping options in the current ILS