Grey is the new black: changing library instruction virtually

Learning Outcomes

- Define what grey literature is and is not
- Justify why it is important to search for grey literature when conducting knowledge syntheses
- Identify key grey literature sources
- Select grey literature sources specific to a topic and begin
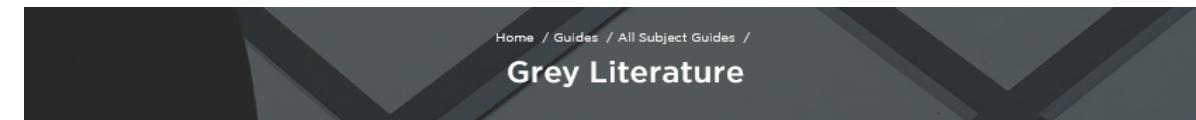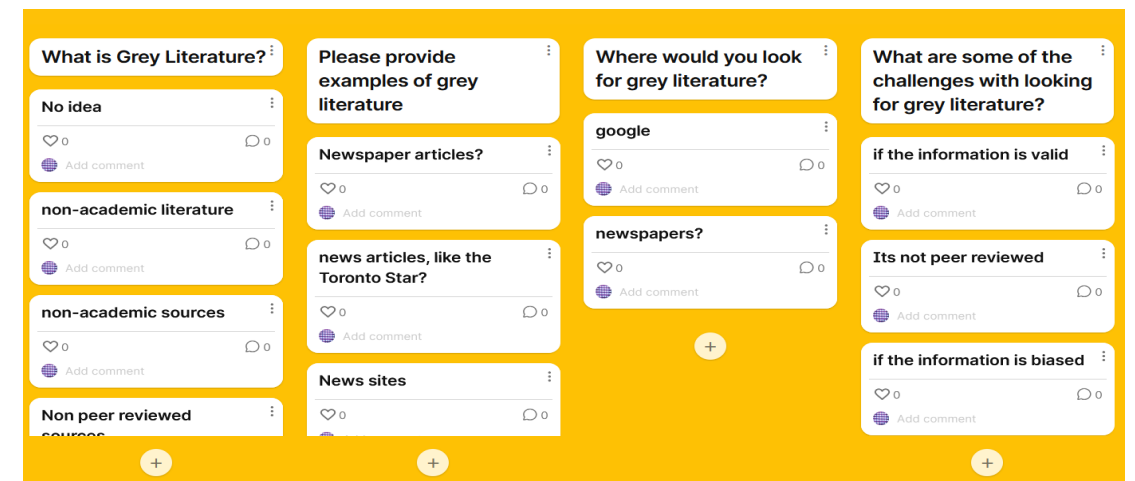
What we offered

- Our workshop: Grey is the New Black: Grey Literature: how to find it?
- Permanent Subject Guide which was our instructional roadmap
- Prepared grad students to find grey literature in both their academic and professional work
- A greater understanding of grey literature and the benefits of using it
- Experiential learning using Mentimeter, Padlet and Zoom breakout rooms
- In-person and online workshops

Feedback from students

- Love the work the library has put into this. Thank you!
- Really helpful to have the guide and walk through the site in this way.
- It was a helpful and valuable session
- Very helpful, thank you! love that the grey lit guide is available online so I don't have to remember everything or take notes.
- Great presentation! Thank you :)

What is Grey Literature?
- No idea
- non-academic literature
- non-academic sources
- Non peer reviewed sources

Please provide examples of grey literature
- Newspaper articles?
- news articles, like the Toronto Star?
- News sites

Where would you look for grey literature?
- google
- newspapers?

What are some of the challenges with looking for grey literature?
- if the information is valid
- Its not peer reviewed
- if the information is biased

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Grey Literature

Grey literature is defined as "information produced on all levels of government, academics, business and industry in electronic and print formats not controlled by commercial publishing" ie. where publishing is not the primary activity of the producing body."

ICGL Luxembourg definition, 1997. Expanded in New York, 2004. Grey literature can also mean literature that is hard to find or has inconsistent or missing bibliographic information.

- Getting Started
- Search Strategies and Identifying Key Authors & Authorities
- Search by Resource Type
- Search the Web
- Search in Library Databases
- Keep Track of Your Searches

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