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Grey Literature (GL)

- Body of literature not found by means of conventional published channels
  - Myriad definitions
  - Online list (www.greynet.org)
- Includes government research, non-profit reports, reports from other primary resource materials
  - Huffine, 2010



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Why “Grey”?

- “In between zone”
- “Between extremes of black and white”
  - White = published material
  - Black = ideas and thoughts
  - Giustini, 2011 (http://hlwiki.slais.ubc.ca/index.php/Grey_literature)



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GL in Medicine

- Systematic reviews in clinical medicine
  - Specialized literature reviews that focus on a research question
  - Identify, appraise, select, synthesize all high quality research evidence relevant to that question
  - Evidence-base for clinical trials
    - Exhaustive
    - Minimize bias
- Public Health
  - Decision-making



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“Findability”

- “Needle in the haystack”
  - in regard to difficulties experienced in finding this kind of material
    - Mathews, 2004
- Digital era makes GL easier to find
- “Credibility” and “reliability” of “authoring/publishing” body now key
  - Huffine, 2010



Credibility

- NYAM Library
  - 1847
  - Gift of 3 vol *Medical and Physiological Commentaries*
  - Martyn Paine
    - One of founders of Medical College of University of NYC





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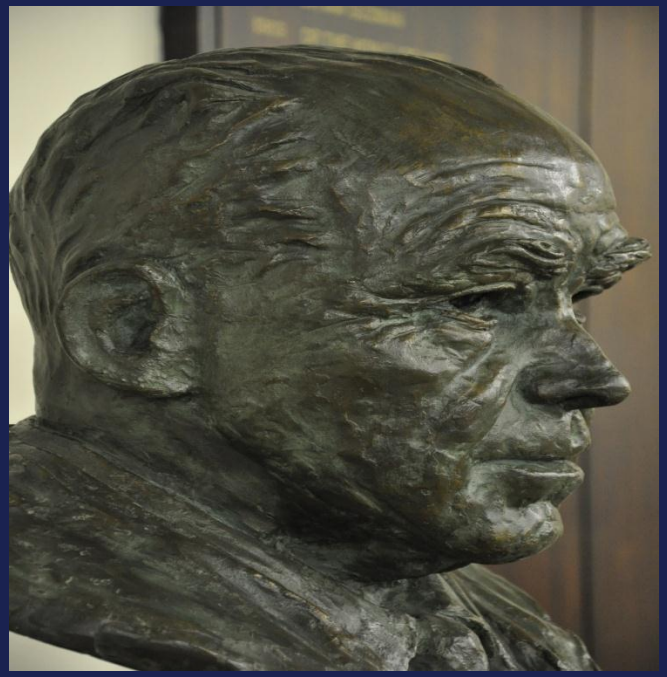
Credibility

- WHSL
  - 1926 (1923)
  - Gazetted into existence by Administrator of Transvaal
  - 600 books from Professor Raymond Dart





Raymond Dart





- World renowned anthropologist
- 1925
- Taung skull
- HoD Anatomical Sciences
- Dean
- WHSL (WML) Librarian

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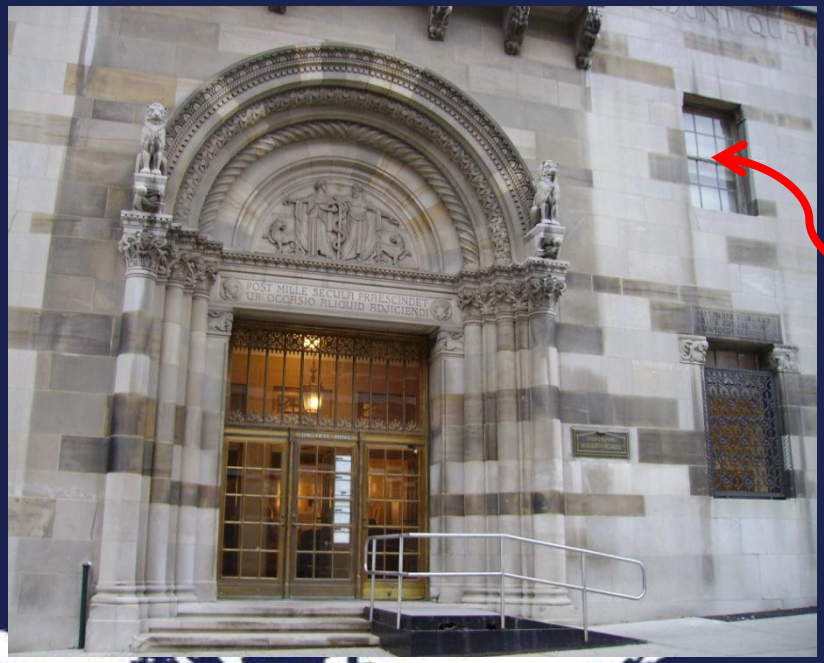
New York Academy of Medicine (NYAM) Library



Witwatersrand Health Sciences Library (WHSL)





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The Grey Literature Report Aug 1999

http://www.nyam.org/library/online-resources/grey-literature-report



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AARP

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The economic benefits of open space, recreation facilities and walkable community design - 2010

The potential of safe, secure and accessible playgrounds to increase children's physical activity - 2011

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US Food and Drug Administration: Strategic Priorities

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Submission Notes:

The Institutional Repository (IR)

- Stores and preserves … institutional assets including unpublished or otherwise easily lost (“grey”) literature
  - Ubogu & Roberts, 2008
- WIReDSpace
  - Wits Institutional Repository on DSpace



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Wits IR



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Wits Institutional Repository environment on DSpace

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Sub-communities within this community

- Centre for Health Policy (CHP)
  A multi-disciplinary health policy research unit based in the School of Public Health

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African Challenges with IRs

- Slow uptake
  - Issues relating to acceptance of electronic information
  - Absence of institutional strategies and policies
  - Inadequate technical infrastructure
  - Copyright and IP concerns
  - Lack of awareness/understanding of concepts involved
  - Lack of funding
    - Chisenga, 2006





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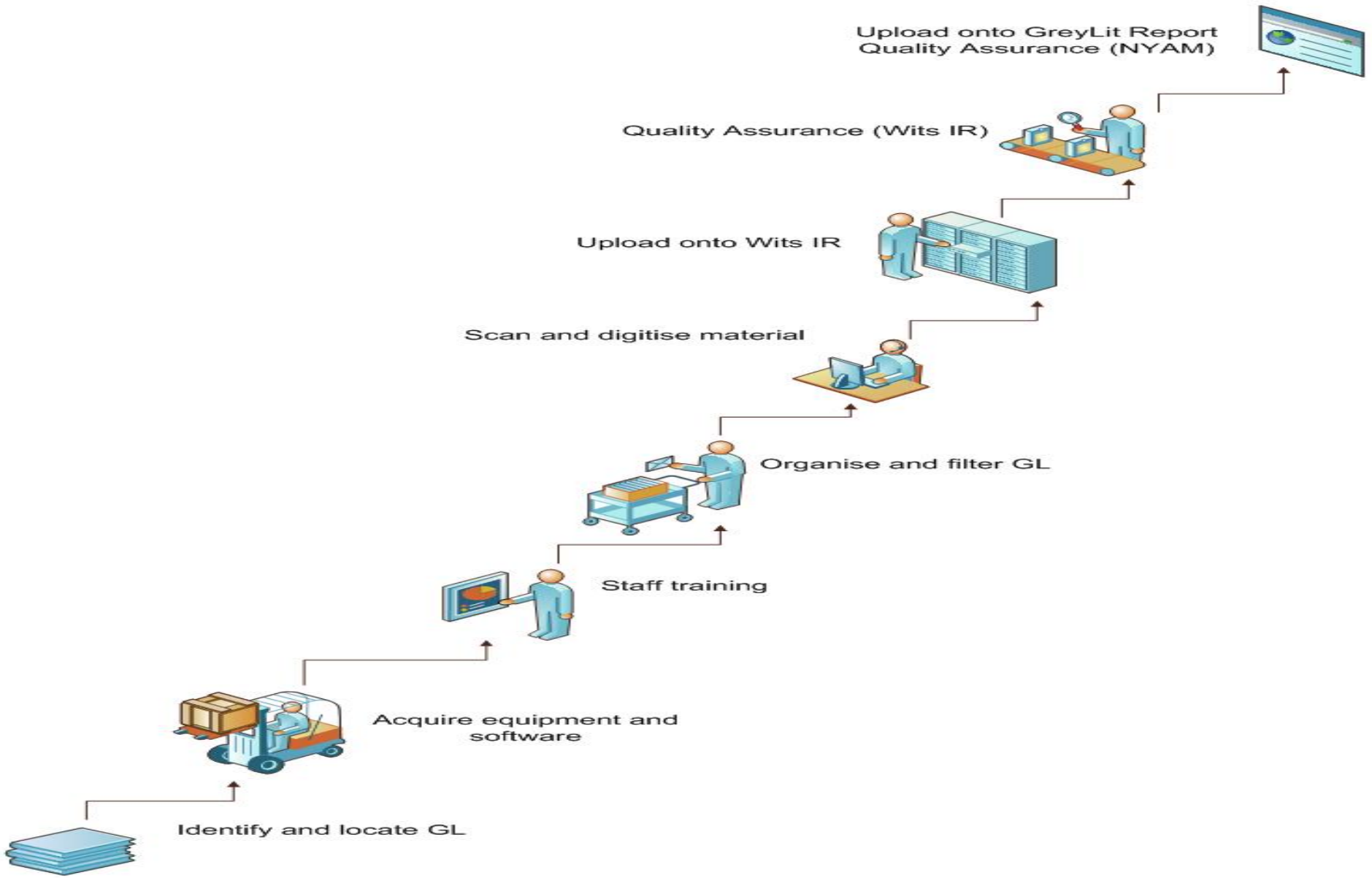
WHSL Workflow



Challenges facing WHSL

- Geographic isolation from Wits Digitisation Centre
  - Equipment
  - Exchange of information; Communication
- Geographically dispersed Health Sciences campus
  - Communication (Who does what; what is where?)



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"HIV and Slums Team ☺ and WITSies"



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Sub-communities within this community

- HIV/AIDS (CHP)

Collections in this community

- Access to Healthcare
- Gender Based Violence
- Health Equity and Financing
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- Organisation and Functioning of Health Systems
- Policy Analysis

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Opportunities for WHSL





- Virtual accessibility
- Technological capacity
- HR capacity
  - Reskilling
- “ ‘n Boer maak ‘n Plan”
  - “Intrapreneurship”
  - Resourcefulness
- Enthusiasm
- NYAM Library Partnership

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- “It is fair to say that the ease of access to information is one measure of how much societies value that information”
  - Banks, 2005

- The nation’s health is a significant contributor to the nation’s wealth



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