# TYPES OF LITERATURE

**Literature Search:** a librarian's handout to introduce tools, terms and techniques

## You should find:







## **ARTICLES**

#### Journal

Written by a researcher or scholar for a specific field, reviewed by peer scholars before publication

## Magazine

Written by a journalist for a mass-market audience

## Newspaper

Written by a journalist to inform the public about happenings in the world

## **BOOKS**

### Monograph

A book on a specialized topic

#### **Ebook**

Any book accessible in full text online

#### Reference work

A collection of research, e.g., encyclopedia

# GREY LITERATURE a name for other research material such as:

#### Conference proceeding

Panels, presentations and poster sessions at a conference

#### Whitepaper

Document that often contains legislation, outlines future trends, or is a call for action on a topic

### Dissertation or thesis

Student research papers often culminating in a master's degree or PhD

#### **Patent**

Rights to an invention granted by an official government agency

#### Other publication

Document not published in scholarly channels, such as a government document

### **Published report or dataset**



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