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The Academic Libraries reporting feature of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) is essential to libraries at the individual and national level. By quantifying libraries' contributions in terms of usage, resources, and services, these statistics underscore the indispensable role libraries play in supporting teaching, research, and learning. Report data enables libraries to assess our own performance, benchmark against peer institutions for accreditation review, and advocate effectively for resources essential to the mission of the institutions we serve. Additionally, IPEDS is the only no-cost reporting service available to all academic libraries and therefore, represents the most accurate picture of academic libraries nationwide – national data which is used in research that drives the future of academic libraries and our mission. I urge you to preserve the Academic Libraries reporting feature of IPEDS for individual academic libraries, the institutions we serve, and the landscape of libraries in higher education nationwide.