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Libraries play an important role in the academic and financial life of a university or school. The ability to access and compare national data on libraries is essential for making budget requests, finding grant support, and increasing personnel. There is a legitimacy gained by having this information collected nationally through the government, rather than simply institution by institution. There is not a good replacement anywhere to take the place of losing this collection process. Please reconsider eliminating library data from your data system. If needed, reduce the kinds of data you are trying to track and retain essential numbers.