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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. As the now retired Dean of a major public academic research library I cannot stress how important these longitudinal data are in helping managerial leadership make decisions that allow each library to make the very best possible use of their available resources. The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries that are critical to the effective functioning of the currently effective networks of academic libraries that enable them to provide access to materials and services that one library alone cannot offer.