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Academic libraries play such a strong role in allowing students to learn, grow, and become productive members of society. Having statistical quantitative and qualitative data relating to usage is key in obtaining funding, generating proposals for increases in staffing, providing substantive arguments for augmenting collections, and a host of other decisions which require approval from administration or other parties. Losing these statistical supports may negatively impact the libraries' abilities to adequately serve the student populations for which they are intended and those in the surrounding communities who may also rely on their services. Without the data to support their relevance, it may well be that academic libraries will be shuttered as a 'cost-saving' measure. This is a valid concern & to avoid this dismal possibility, I wish to voice my opposition to the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.