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I recently became aware of a plan meant to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey, a resource I utilize to collect data for my college library where I work as a Systems Librarian. This data is invaluable for gaining insight regarding peer institutions and their library collections, circulation of materials, budgetary spending, and levels of staffing. Reliable data is central to the ongoing success of libraries given the need to substantiate our work as still being of great importance for colleges and universities. Doing away with this integral resource would hinder our ability to collect data, a result that would ultimately impact the communities we serve.