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## **Comments Received:**

As a university librarian, I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. This survey makes it possible to understand budget, staffing, and service trends in college and university libraries. These unique longitudinal data also allow individual academic libraries to benchmark compared to their institutional peers. Data about libraries – topics like collections, circulation, budgets, and staffing levels – are crucial to understanding the state of libraries and telling our stories. Discontinuing the collection of this information will be detrimental to our ability to best serve the needs of our students. Please reject the proposal to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.