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Data about libraries – topics like collections, circulation, budgets, and staffing levels – are crucial to understanding the state of libraries and telling our stories. The Academic Libraries survey makes it possible to understand budget, staffing, and service trends in college and university libraries. These data also allow individual academic libraries to benchmark compared to their institutional peers. Because these data are widely used by academic libraries, the federal government should plan to continue collecting them. I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.