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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey.

I am an advocate for libraries and I work as an academic librarian.

I oppose this proposal because the data provided by the American Libraries survey is unique.

As a library administrator I use the data provided to learn about changes and trends in college and university libraries. I use the data to share this information with my campus stakeholders as decisions are made about my staffing and funding levels. Additionally, I use the data to compare my institution to my peers when writing narratives related to institutional and programmatic accreditation. Having the information provided in this survey is a vital component for making decisions and telling the story of my library and how we, and our peer institutions, have evolved over time.