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I strongly urge you to keep the academic library survey data part of IPEDS. It is the simplest and easiest way for academic libraries (especially small ones) to gather data on what other academic libraries are doing. This helps libraries better themselves and the services they offer. Inclusion of the library in the survey also helps promote the importance of a library, resources, and staffing to the larger academic institution. Libraries and librarians are valuable resources that contribute to the overall success of an institution and to the overall education of the student.