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The academic library survey is important to information and education professional across the country. The American Library Association's (ALA) doesn't compile this information for a broader audience. It's behind paywall for members depending on their institution or individual financial situation.

This information is pertinent to the government and higher education as a whole because of accreditation. No institution can hand out accredited degrees without benefit of a well-resourced academic library. The survey provides valuable research information for those inside and outside of librarianship, as well. It needs to remain.