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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I am an advocate with the American Library Association, and I while I work as a public librarian in Princeton, NJ, we are close partners with the academic libraries at Princeton University and wish to advocate on their behalf. I also wish to advocate on the behalf of all learners - everywhere.

Academic libraries are cornerstones of their institutions, providing critical support to students, professors and staff in completing research, providing essential technology services, engaging their campus communities in cultural programming, and offering access to materials that enrich and strengthen educational efforts. Through providing unique longitudinal data that offers crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries, from budget to staffing to other services, the Academic Libraries Survey is needed to ensure that universities are meeting current needs and have the ability to anticipate future needs.

What would a university be without its library? The college experience would cease to exist and the impact of a university education would be forever weakened. The federal government's potential ending of collection of this data is disheartening, and with all due respect, terrible for our nation's future in education. Please do the right thing and continue supporting the Academic Libraries Survey effort.