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I also oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I have worked in two different state-wide library consortia, and this information is invaluable for market analysis for vendors and planning information for millions--if not billions--of dollars of public and private spending by academic institutions. Additionally, the unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries for research purposes and public policy planning.

In my work in these two consortia, I have used the data in vendor negotiations, membership dues models, and multiple comparative research projects. There is no comparable data source elsewhere.