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I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I work in a university library and the survey provides unique data across academic libraries of all kinds that no one else collects. The data allows us to identify trends, see changes that are taking place or just starting, and allows academic libraries to build programs, advocate for new funding and allocate funding in reaction to this data, and talk to our university administration; local, state, and federal politicians about these trends and the importance of them; and provide better support for our patrons, students, faculty, and researchers.

Without this survey, the data will be much harder to come by and subject to local and state variations in policy and data collection. Academic libraries will have a harder time understanding what's taking place and what's coming, and position ourselves to address the needs.

Please continue to run this survey and make it publicly available. It has great value.

Thank you,