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I'm concerned about the proposed IPEDS plan to eliminate the Academic Library Survey. The IPEDS Academic Libraries Survey provides essential data for comparative analysis in the academic library field. Its preservation is crucial, as removing it would cut off open access to a critical information source and benchmarking tool used by academic libraries of all sizes,. This survey enables libraries to conduct analyses that can lead to significant enhancements in their services, ultimately bolstering their parent institutions' educational and research missions. Smaller libraries and institutions will be especially impacted by this, as this is a free resource and likely the only one of its type in their budget.

I am also concerned because that which we do not measure, we do not value. If we do not continue to collect this information, it could easily lead to the continued devaluation of libraries and library services within academia.