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Comments Received:

I oppose the plan to eliminate the Academic Libraries survey. I am an advocate with the American Library Association, and I am a former trustee of my library (not an Academic Library), but I understand the importance of having these statistics to assist in funding and other decisions.

The unique longitudinal data of the Academic Libraries survey provides crucial information about changes and trends in college and university libraries. How else will the government, colleges and universities understand those trends and be able to compare themselves for potential improvements and funding needs?

The ALA has more info on the importance of maintaining this data and I support their comments.