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Please continue to collect data on academic libraries as part of NCES data. Academic libraries are continually under threat as State funding is reduced and many academic institutions face enrollment challenges leading to budget cuts. Ending the long tradition of collecting data about academic libraries helps to send just one more message that these libraries are not valuable resources worthy of comparison and study to the administrators that make crucial decisions about academic Library staffing, services and budgets. Academic libraries continue to provide crucial services increasing access to course materials, instruction on information literacy skills often left out of the curriculum, as well as providing crucial resources for the success of researchers and students. However, not all administrators see us as the vital center of campus life that we were prepandemic. Additionally, this data has long served crucial purposes for librarians and Library administrators in comparing our services and setting our institutional priorities. This data would be of great loss to us in our strategic planning.