# 2015-16 Changes to Academic Libraries (AL)

The following table summarizes revisions made to applicable AL variables. Variables that were not revised from the 2014-15 collection will have an empty “Change” row.

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| Data Element | Change |
| Is the library expense greater than or equal to $100k or less than $100k | New screening question added to AL |
| Is the Library collection entirely electronic |  |
| **Section I** |
| Number of physical books |  |
| Number of digital/electronic books | •Report by titles instead of by "unit", if cataloged and/or searchable through discovery system•Report titles in aggregated sets (databases) if the library selected the aggregator•Include digital government documents, theses and dissertations |
| Number of Databases  | •Report if there is bibliographic or discovery access•Do not include discovery systems as databases |
| Number of physical media | •Include microforms and cartographic materials•Count by title and not "units" |
| Number of digital/electronic media | •Report by titles instead of by "unit", if cataloged and/or searchable through discovery system•Report titles in aggregated sets (databases) if the library selected the aggregator•Include digital graphic materials and cartographic materials |
| Number of physical library collections (books and media) |  |
| Number of electronic library collections (books, databases and media) |  |
| Number of physical library circulations | •Report circulation from the general collections instead of from both general and reserve•Include initial checkouts (no renewals)•Exclude ILL |
| Number of digital/electronic circulations | •Defined more as "usage" rather than circulation; "usage" includes number of times viewed, downloaded, streamed•Added instructions for using COUNTER metrics from vendors |
| **Section II** |
| Number of branches and independent libraries |  |
| Total salaries and wages from the library budget | •Report salaries and wages if funds were expended from library budget or from all other known sources•Include student assistants' and Federal Work Study students' wages |
| Are staff fringe benefits paid out of the library budget |  |
| Total fringe benefits |  |
| One-time purchases of books, serial backfiles, and other materials |  |
| Ongoing commitments to subscriptions |  |
| All other materials/services expenses |  |
| Total materials/services expenses |  |
| Preservation services |  |
| All other operation and maintenance expenses |  |
| Total operations and maintenance expenses |  |
| Total expenses |  |
| Total expenses, minus fringe benefits | New calculated field added |
| Total number of interlibrary loans and documents provided to other libraries |  |
| Total number of interlibrary loans and documents received |  |
| Does your library support virtual reference services |  |