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Thoma Foundation Supports Judd Foundation with \$60,000 grant

Judd Foundation has received a \$60,000 grant to photograph and digitize Donald Judd Library in Marfa, Texas

SANTA FE, NM - The Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation, a private family foundation with offices in Santa Fe and Chicago, has made a grant to Judd Foundation in support of the Donald Judd Library Project, a digital preservation initiative that weds the deliberate categorization and visual impact of Judd’s physical library with broad digital accessibility.



Image: Library, LaMansana de Chinati/The Block, Judd Foundation, Marfa, Texas.
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“Donald Judd’s work continues to inspire and influence the next generation of artists, architects, designers, and scholars,” said Holly Harrison, Director of the Thoma Foundation. “The Donald Judd Library Project honors the site specificity and arrangement of Judd’s original library in rural West Texas while making the materials contained within accessible to a much wider audience. At the Foundation, we seek to honor the value of rural places and people, and to help them share their stories. This grant does exactly that.”

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The Donald Judd Library Project is designed to serve both the general public and provide an advanced prototype for artistic and educational organizations pursuing solutions for their own library collections. To complete the project, Judd Foundation will re-photograph the library shelves and commission the build-out of a robust digital viewing platform for the existing catalog, allowing users to freely browse or conduct targeted searches.

“Judd Foundation is honored to have received funding from the Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation to build a digital resource for Don’s library in Marfa. With their pioneering support of digital preservation, the Thomases place an importance on projects like ours—making art and culture more accessible,” states Rainer Judd, President of the Judd Foundation. “Don’s library provides a deeper understanding of his work and the lens through which he viewed the world. Through this generous support, we are able to again share this treasured resource.”

Through this groundbreaking project, visitors to Marfa and curious viewers across the globe will be able to browse the library, providing access to more than 13,000 volumes reflecting Judd’s interest in art, architecture, philosophy, literature, science, anthropology, natural history, and many other subjects. Additionally, the record for each book will be linked to the WorldCat system, directing users to the location where the selected publication can be found closest to them. This searchable online catalog will serve as an essential tool for Judd scholars across the world by making a remote collection easily discoverable. The Donald Judd Library Project is anticipated to be completed in 2023.

The Carl & Marilyn Thoma Foundation recognizes the power of the arts and education to challenge and shift perceptions, spark creativity, and connect people across cultures. The Foundation lends and exhibits artworks and provides grants to support pivotal initiatives in the arts and education. The Foundation is based in Chicago, Illinois and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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