Department of Painting and Sculpture Study Center

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1. No documents are to be removed from the study center for any reason.
2. Briefcases, bags, and coats cannot be brought into the research area.
3. No eating or drinking is permitted.
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5. Laptop computers and other electronic devices are permissible, cases must be kept outside of the research area.
6. Photos of non-confidential materials may be taken for study purposes only.
7. Materials may not be leaned on, written on, folded, traced from, or handled in any way likely to damage them.
8. If multiple folders are present, please handle only one at a time.
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