ANNUAL REPORT
2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026



Photo by Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche,
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Chögyam Trungpa
Institute
at Naropa University

NO TALK LEFT BEHIND.



Photo by Mary Lang

"

I am personally committed to teaching. Needless to say, that is my life, that is my karma. I also feel extremely committed to relating with the people in this continent and this world. There is a tremendous need for the spiritual path, and the inspiration for spirituality has developed throughout North America.

In the beginning, I felt that I had a choice. Either I could present the teachings in the popular manner, Madison Avenue style with all the gimmicks, all the highlights, and all the promises. Or else, **I could present the teachings faithfully, realistically**. Possibly, obviously, if I chose the first style, we might collect more people, more money, and more glamor. That approach is like sponsoring an extraordinary freak show [laughing].

The second approach, presenting things faithfully, might be boring, painful, and not so glamorous. But **our task is presenting the teachings for the benefit of the future generations to come.** That is the destined karmic flow: Buddhism is obviously coming to America, and America will be an important home for Buddhism, sooner or later. If we are going to be instrumental in this, then we should disregard the advertising aspect. We should work with presenting the teachings on a much more fundamental, basic, and honest level.

— Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche,
from the seminar *Buddhadharma Without Credentials*,
Talk One: "The Search for Credentials"
New York City, 1973



A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

The Chögyam Trungpa Institute at Naropa University began at the end of 2017. We are delighted to share our first-ever Annual Report with all of you! Next year will be our 10th Anniversary as well as the 40th Anniversary of the Parinirvana (death) of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. We began the Chögyam Trungpa Digital Library in 2023, and in just over three and a half years, we've published more than 600 audio and video recordings. The strength and the success of the Digital Library come from three areas, somewhat equivalent to the Three Jewels: the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha.

BUDDHA: The Library provides access to the audio and video teachings of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, one of the greatest Buddhist teachers of the 20th Century. As Khandro Rinpoche wrote:

If you look at the history and development of Buddhism in the West, so many teachers have contributed. But many would agree that two teachers in particular have played a pivotal role in making Buddhism accessible to Westerners, namely His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. (Recalling Chögyam Trungpa)

The teacher principle for CTI has also been held by Diana Mukpo, the wife of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, who passed away a little more than one year ago. She was an enthusiastic member of our Advisory Group, and she strongly supported the mission of the Digital Library and CTI overall.

DHARMA: The audio and video recordings on our site represent the incredible depth and breadth of Chögyam Trungpa's presentation of the Buddhist teachings. His unique voice and deep insight into human experience speak to an expanding worldwide audience, and these teachings are used in a growing number of practice and study programs around the world each year.

SANGHA: The Dharma teachings we present are transcribed, copyedited, technically enhanced, and beautifully curated by our dedicated and talented staff. Our work has reached more than 60,000 unique website visitors since we launched in 2023. We hope to reach 100,000 visitors by 2027! People in more than 140 countries access our recordings, well over two-thirds of the countries in the world. More than 680 donors have given one-time or multiple donations, ranging from $10 to $100,000 gifts from individuals, as well as generous bequests and grants from foundations. Your ongoing support is the fuel that fires our work!

With your help, we plan to complete populating the Digital Library in the next two to three years. After that, we will be able to focus our efforts on translating the recordings in the library into other languages, offering and supporting programs that use the material, training dharma editors, and other initiatives.

Thank you for using the Library, for supporting us in myriad ways, and for believing in this work.

Carolyn Rose Gimian

THE CHÖGYAM TRUNGPA INSTITUTE AT NAROPA UNIVERSITY

THANK YOU
to more than
680
unique donors
who have contributed
since our launch

About the Institute

The Chögyam Trungpa Institute (CTI), based at Naropa University, serves a diverse worldwide community of those inspired by the work of Chögyam Trungpa, by the practice of meditation, and by the Buddhist tradition and teachings, historically and in contemporary times.

THE INSTITUTE was founded at Naropa University in 2017 to make the teachings of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche widely available in order to foster wisdom and compassion. We facilitate the study, understanding, and application of these teachings through expanded access, training, and education. As a part of Naropa University, we can accept tax-deductible donations from the United States and Canada.

Distributing the Knowledge, Sharing the Teachings

CTI is dedicated to providing educational and training resources for students interested in Chögyam Trungpa's teachings. In particular, we seek to provide robust online access through the development of the Chögyam Trungpa Digital Library, a digital repository for Chögyam Trungpa's extensive audio, video, and visual archive.

New Avenues

The Institute, in keeping with Trungpa Rinpoche's innovative way of bringing the traditional dharma (teachings) alive in contemporary times, also supports new directions that honor the spirit of his work, through expositions, exhibitions, classes, research, debate, and other means, and encourages a critical assessment by scholars and practitioners of his work and his place in the development of Buddhism in the West.

Powered by Donations

The Institute has received more than 2,000 donations totalling around $1.5 million since our launch in late 2017. Gifts range from less than $10 to individual gifts and bequests of more than $100,000, along with generous funding from grants. We appreciate every donation we receive. It is what fuels our work, literally and in spirit.

THIS YEAR AT A GLANCE

- Thanks to the contributions of **144 unique individual donors** and generous grant funding from many foundations, including the Khyentse Foundation, the Open Sky Foundation, and the Pema Chödrön Foundation, we raised more than **$147,000** this fiscal year.*

- We continued to operate and grow our primary initiative, the Chögyam Trungpa Digital Library, maintaining free access to audio and video recordings of Trungpa Rinpoche's teachings along with interactive, searchable transcripts and readable captions.

- The Digital Library averaged **1750 visitors** per month, totaling **21,000 visitors** this fiscal year from **123 different countries**. This is a **43% increase** in website visits from last year!

- We manually transcribed, prepared, and published **191 talks** in the Digital Library. These were grouped into **ten themed releases** throughout the year, featuring articles, custom artwork and graphic design, digital newsletters, social media posts, and other educational materials.

- In FY 2026, the Institute continued sending out **The CTR Quote of the Week**. These quotes by Chögyam Trungpa, curated by Carolyn Gimian, go to our mailing list every Sunday and are popular with our audience. Click here to sign up!

- This year, we invested in the **long-term preservation** of our digital assets, including additional off-site storage, data backup, and preservation planning.

- We expanded **partnerships** and **collaborations** this year to increase our offering of tailored programming, foster connection between organizations, and grow the community.

- Timed with the 50th anniversary edition of Trungpa Rinpoche's beloved book *The Myth of Freedom and the Way of Meditation* and the release of Pema Chödrön's new commentary *Another Kind of Freedom*, we launched **our first "Book-to-Talks" playlist**. These playlists link every chapter in Trungpa Rinpoche's books to the talks upon which they were based, and have already become a fan favorite among Library users and donors.

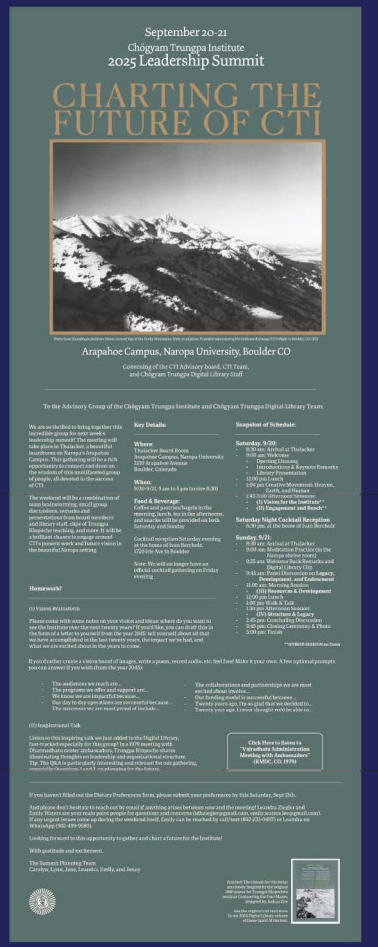
- We engaged in many activities with **Naropa University** throughout the year, including: welcoming Paul Burkhardt as the new president of the University; celebrating the work of outgoing president Charles Lief; and hosting a "Naropa in Your Neighborhood" evening in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In September 2025, the staff and advisory board of the Institute gathered in person and online at Naropa to review progress and plan for the future.

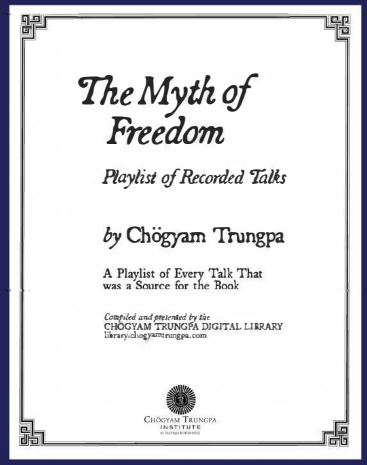
- **Translation** is a new frontier for the Institute. In FY 2026, we began working with centers and translators from Chile, Brazil, Lisbon, Paris, Japan, Croatia, and China to plan translations of our recordings in many languages.

*Fiscal Year 2026: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026









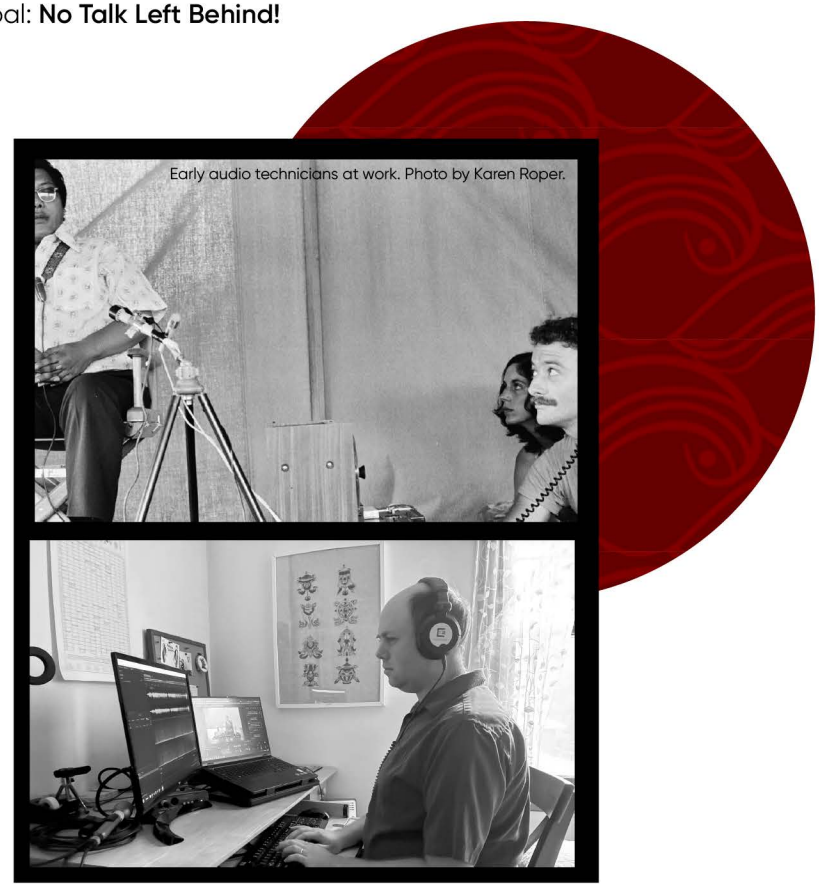




THE CHÖGYAM TRUNGPA DIGITAL LIBRARY

This year, the primary focus of the Institute's work was the ongoing operation and continued publication of recordings to the Chögyam Trungpa Digital Library. The Library launched to the public in 2023 to make the recordings of Chögyam Trungpa's teachings widely available in audio and video form, along with interactive transcripts, captioning, and extensive ways to search, browse, and explore material.

The Digital Library is the primary resource for accessing Trungpa Rinpoche's recorded teachings. We are committed to populating the Library with every single one of his recorded talks. Our stated goal: **No Talk Left Behind!**



Early audio technicians at work. Photo by Karen Roper.

Digital Library team member Ben Williams creating digital captions for a talk, one of the final stages in publishing a recording to the Digital Library.

A Living Resource

During his lifetime, Trungpa Rinpoche emphasized that Buddhism should be relevant to people's everyday lives and that dharma should be fresh in every instant. He taught extensively during his seventeen years in North America, and didn't restrict his teachings to formal talks (though he gave many!). Rinpoche also conducted audiences and interviews; met with Naropa faculty, students, and artists; held discussions with administrators, business owners, caregivers, and therapists; spoke with children and teachers; conducted ceremonies; organized conferences; and more—engaging people in myriad ways.

Throughout his time in North America, Trungpa Rinpoche requested that his teachings be recorded and preserved for future generations. Thanks to his foresight—and the dedication of the people who created the original recordings, as well as the invaluable role of the Shambhala Archives in compiling, preserving and digitizing them—we now have more than 1500 unrestricted recorded talks that make up the General Collection of the Digital Library (592 of which have been published to our site as of June 30, 2026, with 191 added this fiscal year).

These teachings are a wonderful, vital resource, as relevant today as they were in the 1970s and 80s. Rinpoche's unique voice and ability to translate Buddhist teachings into Western language and culture have shaped Buddhism in the modern era, and continue to inspire students across the globe. By publishing this body of work, with linked transcripts and captioning, the Digital Library is sharing the experience of being there in the moment with him, experiencing these teachings just as he taught them.

Those interested in Buddhism—from scholars, contemplatives, researchers, and meditators to artists, poets, therapists, and beyond—will benefit from this material. By spending time in the Digital Library, we can all experience the depth, breadth, and far-reaching significance of Chögyam Trungpa's teachings and the vitality of the original recordings.

> "Can you please say your remark again? Because of the tape. People of future generations have to hear what you've said. **We are making history here, you see.**
>
> — Chögyam Trungpa, encouraging an audience member to repeat a comment into the microphone for future preservation

THIS WAS A BANNER YEAR for the Digital Library, with notable strides toward our top goals: populating the Library with all of Rinpoche's recorded talks and making those talks accessible to all who wish to hear them. There were significant increases in website visits, social media views and follows, and the number of talks we were able to prepare, transcribe, publish, and launch. Our expanding global reach continues as a point of pride, with visitors from many countries across the planet.



DIGITAL LIBRARY BY THE NUMBERS

62,000
Unique visitors to the Digital Library website since our launch in 2023

21,000
Unique visitors to the Library website this fiscal year, a 43% increase from last year

53,300
View count** for our top-performing Reel on Instagram and Facebook this year

202,490
View count** for social media content this fiscal year,* including reels, posts, & stories

15,500
Total **social media followers** across platforms since our launch

1472
New social media follows (net) this fiscal year* across platforms, up **54%** from the previous year

146
Countries with at least one visitor to the website since launch

123
Countries with at least one visitor to the website this year

592
Talks released since the launch of the Digital Library website

191
Talks released this year, including transcripts and captioning

*FY 2026: July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
**A "view" constitutes any time our content is played or displayed on Instagram or Facebook.

OUR WORK

What goes into a Digital Library release?

Each talk goes through an extensive process to prepare it for release, starting with the raw audio or video file and ending with its presentation to a global audience. In between, it goes through the hands of almost every staff member, making sure the material is accessible and useful to current users, and archived for the future.

TRANSCRIPTION

Audio / Video Prep and Enhancement:
Background noise, leveling, combining segments, improving image quality

Initial Transcription:
Manual verbatim transcript, comparisons to archival transcripts and edited book versions

Transcript Review:
Checking against the audio for accuracy

Copy Editing:
Punctuation & grammar, third accuracy check

Final QA:
Sign-off and formatting; review for consistency, standards, & resolution of all open issues

PUBLICATION

Summaries Authoring:
Short summaries for each talk and seminars as a whole

Metadata:
Speaker IDs, length, topics, terminology, issues, publications

Captions:
AI tools for automatic timing and segmenting with manual review

Publishing to Online Platform
Formatting and uploading of metadata, transcripts, & media files

EDITORIAL & OUTREACH

Images and Artwork
On-theme archival photos, graphic design, and original artwork

Audio & Video Clips
Selections of compelling excerpts, edited and captioned to embed in online articles and social media posts & reels

Article
Researching, writing, & editing articles that contextualize and enliven each release

Newsletter & Social Media
Write, edit, and design email newsletters and posts for Instagram & Facebook

Our Global Users
Individual practitioners and students; classes, courses, and retreats; social media followers; and more!



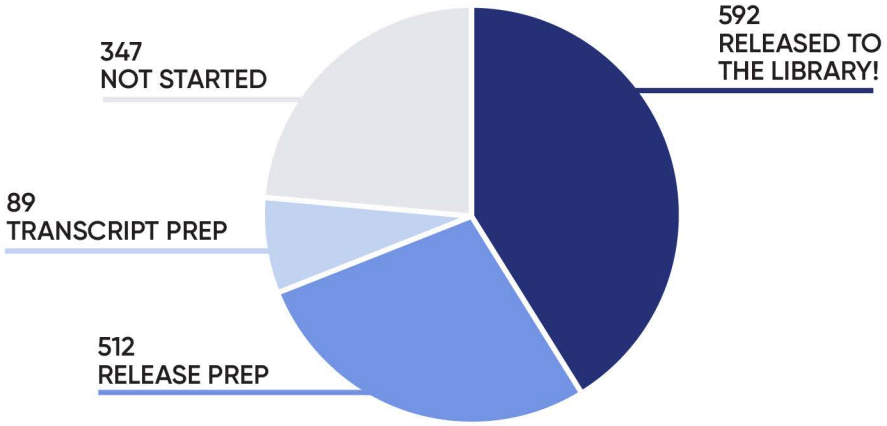
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and many different hands

For more information about our workflow and methods, please visit our website at this link.

TRANSCRIPTION & PUBLICATION PROGRESS

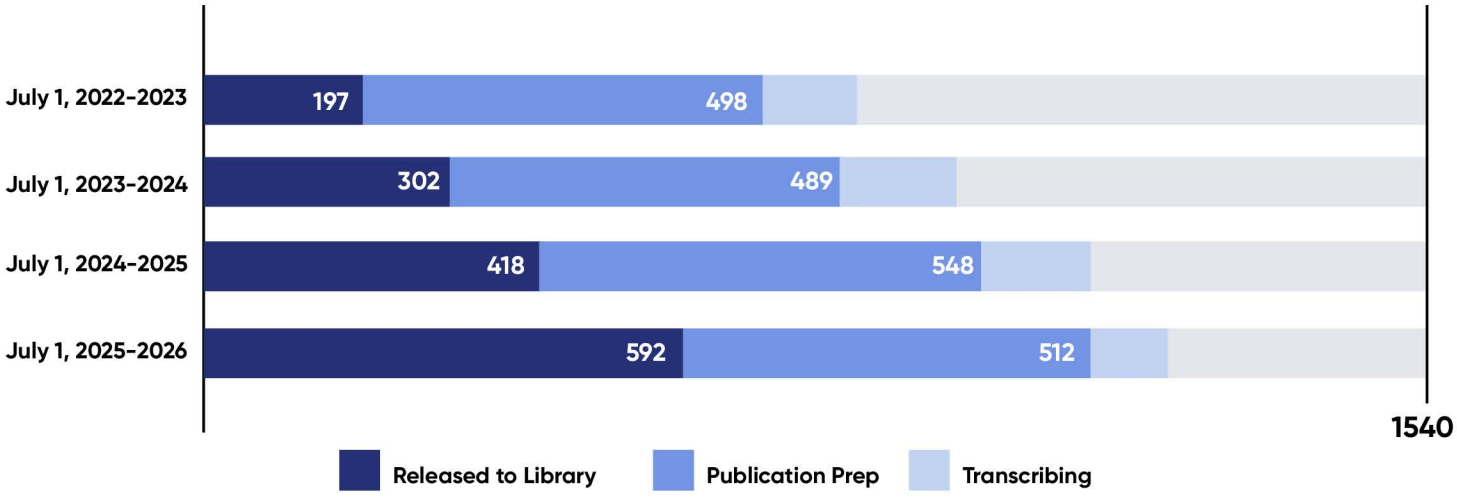
As of June 30, 2026, we have close to 600 talks in the Library, with more than 500 transcribed and in the publication preparation phase. Within the next two years, we plan to finish and release all the remaining talks, including those that are particularly complex due to video or audio quality issues or other unique challenges. This is no small task, but one we are excited to complete!

CURRENT STATUS (as of June 30, 2026)



1540 total recordings of Trungpa Rinpoche's public teachings & events

HISTORY YEAR OVER YEAR (since website launch)



HEATMAP

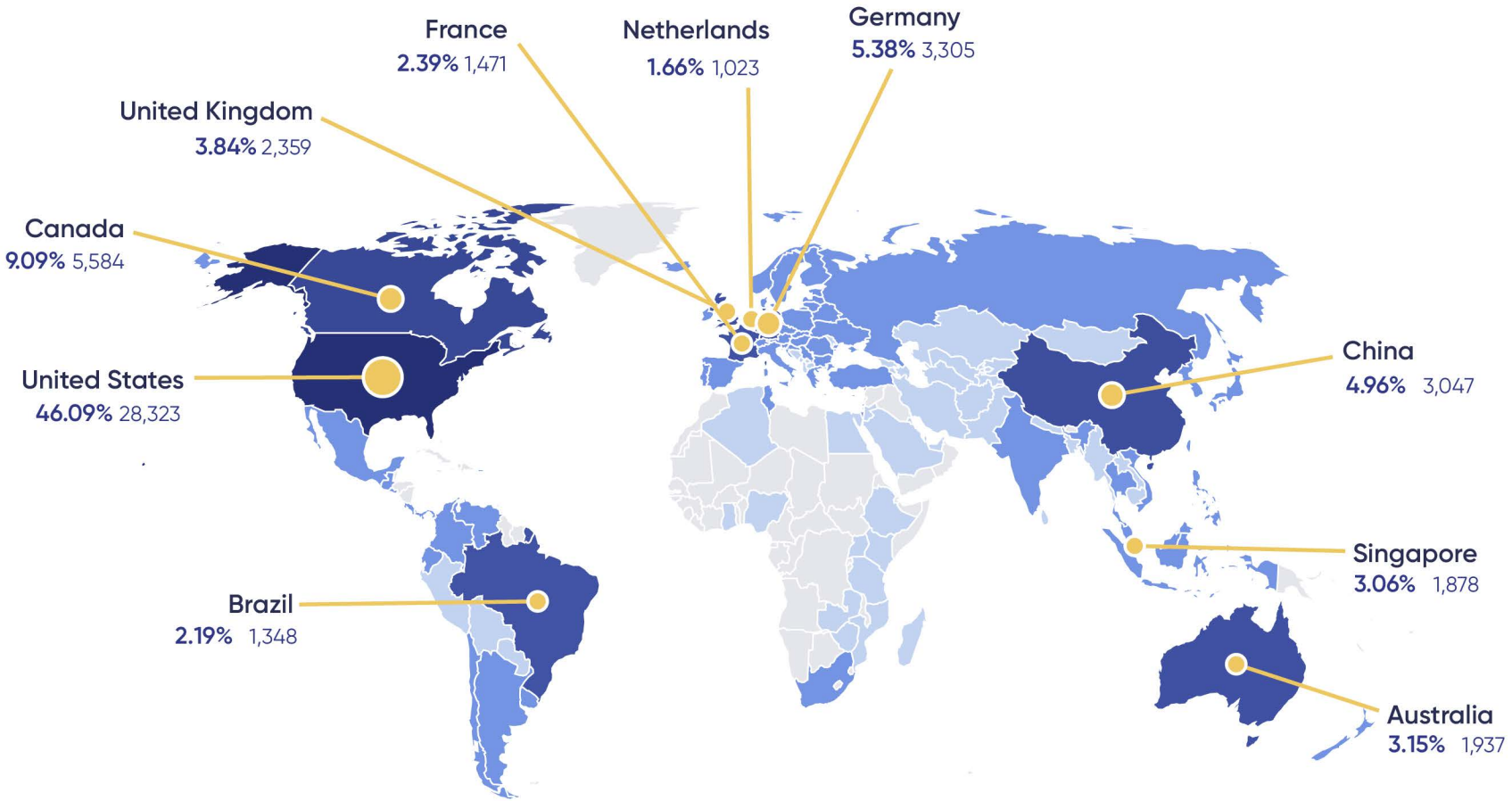
Audience & Global Reach

Unique visitors to the Library since launch
62,000

Countries using the Library since launch
146

Because the Library is an online resource, it benefits users throughout the world. Visitors from 146 countries have used the Library since our launch (and 123 in this fiscal year!). The number of individuals and countries where Library material is used continues to grow every year as we expand our resources and connect with practitioners around the world.

TOP TEN COUNTRIES VISITING THE DIGITAL LIBRARY



Share of all visits since our website launch in 2023. The ten countries listed account for 81.9% of traffic; remaining countries shaded by relative volume.

TIMELINE

Talks Released this Fiscal Year

Total Number of Talks
191

Themed Releases
10

Each release includes a contextualizing article, a clickable playlist, an audio or video clip, and more.

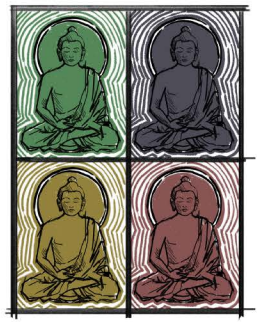
Click on each release to explore!



The Mandala Principle

Four essential seminars offering an in-depth exploration of the meaning of mandala.

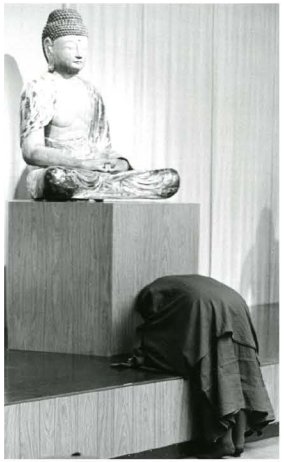
AUG 2025 - 21 TALKS



The Four Foundations of Mindfulness

Two seminars exploring how to understand and work with the mind.

NOV 2025 - 13 TALKS



Devotion on the Buddhist Path

Three seminars offering nuanced teachings on the genuine meaning of devotion.

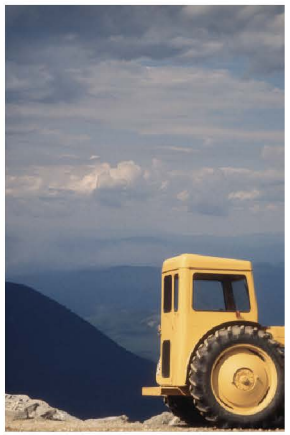
FEB 2026 - 16 TALKS



The Life and Example of Milarepa

Release of one seminar on the life and path of the great yogi and Kagyu lineage figure, Milarepa.

MAR 2026 - 4 TALKS



Work, Sex, Money

All the talks that were the basis for the book *Work, Sex, Money: Real Life on the Path of Mindfulness.*

MAY 2026 - 19 TALKS

OCT 2025 - 38 TALKS

The University of Colorado Classes

A series of classes on Tibetan Buddhism that Chögyam Trungpa taught at CU Boulder, 1971-1974.



DEC 2025 - 33 TALKS

The Lion's Roar

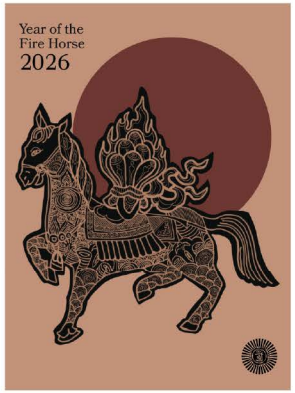
Two seminars on the nine-yana path of Tibetan Buddhism, including four talks captured on video.



FEB 2026 - 9 TALKS

Warriorship and Enlightened Society

Celebrating Shambhala Day and Losar with two seminars that capture the fearless spirit of the Fire Horse.



APR 2026 - 21 TALKS

The Myth of Freedom

Completion of the full collection of every talk that was the basis for Trungpa Rinpoche's beloved book; the launch of our first ever book-to-talks playlist, mapping every chapter to the original talk upon which it was based.



MAY 2026 - 17 TALKS

The Path is the Goal

A wealth of seminars on the technique and psychology of shamatha-vipashyana meditation.

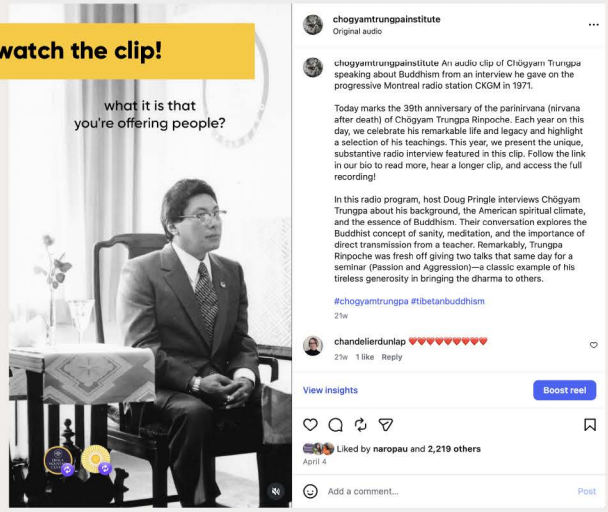


DESIGN & OUTREACH: NEWSLETTER, SOCIAL MEDIA, GRAPHICS

More than just an archive or historical record, the Library is a dynamic, living resource. In addition to transcribing, cataloging, captioning, and publishing the talks, we also provide gateways into the material—access points for anyone interested in Trungpa Rinpoche's teachings and buddhadharma more broadly.

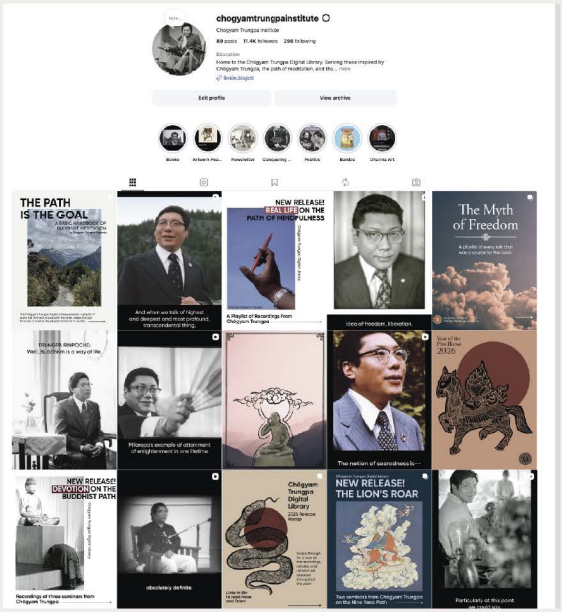
A themed release of new talks involves many components: "Explore" articles on our website; newsletters to the community; audio or video clips; social media posts and reels; collaboration with other organizations for programming and outreach; clickable playlists; original artwork, archival photography, and engaging design; and more! These are tailor-made for each release, specific to its theme, the nature of the talks, and the intended audiences. We created ten such releases this past year, launching them almost monthly.

Click to watch the clip!



Highest-performing Instagram Reel
50,000+ views

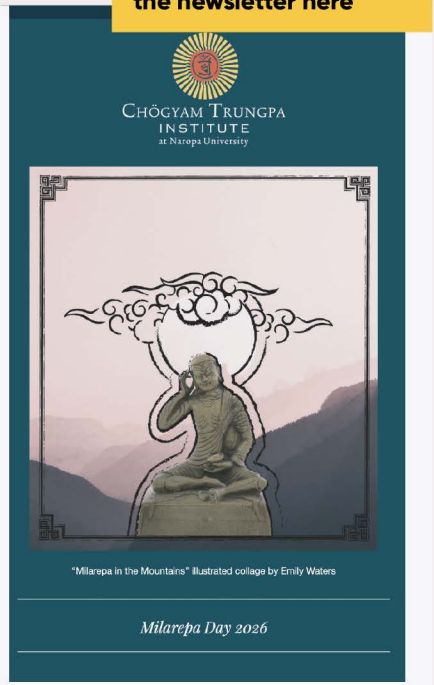
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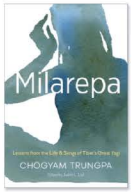
Newsletter Snapshot:

- **New Release!** *Milarepa: His Life and Example* (Karmê Chöling, VT, 1976). Listen to the seminar here.
- **Did you know...** There are a variety of curated playlists in the Library! Check out the Explore articles here.
- **Updates** on our international reach, translation projects, and CTI Director Carolyn Gimian's recent trip to Europe! Scroll down for more.
- **In case you missed it...** The Library celebrated the Year of the Fire Horse with two new seminars. Listen here.
- **Support our work!** Donate here.

Dear Friends of the Chögyam Trungpa Institute,

Happy Milarepa Day! Today we celebrate the life of Tibet's great poet-yogi, Jetsun Milarepa (1040-1123 CE). A disciple of Marpa Lotsawa, Milarepa was a major Kagyu lineage figure who attained enlightenment in one lifetime and is known for his spontaneous spiritual songs.

In honor of the occasion, the Library is releasing *Milarepa: His Life and Example*, a short seminar Chögyam Trungpa gave at Karmê Chöling, Vermont, in 1976. These four talks draw connections between Milarepa's life in medieval Tibet and ours as modern-day students and meditators. Trungpa Rinpoche illuminates Milarepa's relationship to his principal teacher, Marpa and his path of discipline, honesty, and perseverance that led to his spiritual realization.



Milarepa: His Life and Example was published in the book *Milarepa: Lessons from the Life and Songs of Tibet's Great Yogi*, edited by Judy Lief. With the addition of this new seminar, the Library now contains all four main seminars included in the book: *100,000 Songs of Milarepa* (Karmê Chöling, 1970), *The Message of Milarepa* (Karmê Chöling, 1973, with video!), *Milarepa: His Life and Example* (Karmê Chöling, 1976), and *Yogic Songs of Milarepa* (Naropa University, 1976).

Click the button below to access all four Milarepa seminars listed above, featuring the latest release to the Library, *Milarepa: His Life and Example*.

Listen to the seminars and a clip

OUR IMPACT

The Digital Library is a global resource, already having an impact on how groups and individuals can practice, study, and engage with Chögyam Trungpa's teachings. The ability to easily access and search across a wide range of topics–and to listen to, play, clip, and read the transcripts for this vast body of recorded talks–opens the doors to dharma that would be hard or impossible to find in other ways.

> The Chögyam Trungpa Digital Library has become an indispensable companion in both my personal study and my work sharing meditation with others. I am deeply grateful for the vision, dedication, and care that have made this extraordinary resource available.
>
> — Guillaume Vianin, RESO

Video Teachings with Buddhist Masters:
Transplanting Bodhichitta
with Chögyam Trungpa

Sunday, August 16th
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM (Pacific)

Hybrid on Zoom and In Person

Berkeley Shambhala Center





Examples of Digital Library material being used for online and in-person programs

GROUPS

Dharma groups around the world use recordings from the Digital Library for their online programs and in-person retreats. This includes (but is certainly not limited to):

- **Dharma group collaborations:** India Dathun; "Buddhism: View and Path," an online dathun study program hosted by Siddhartha's Intent and others, which attracted thousands of participants; seminars in Chile, Brazil, India, Australia, and Europe presenting the Sadhana of Mahamudra videos and other teachings
- **Naropa University:** Courses at Naropa University regularly incorporate material from the Library
- **Shambhala:** Study Groups, Online Courses, and Open Houses in Berkeley, California, Madison, Wisconsin, Toronto, Halifax, and many other locations
- **Profound Treasury:** Retreats in Maine and Colorado
- **Three Yanas Society:** Online study courses and in-person retreats
- **Kangyur Rinpoche Foundation:** Retreat in Portugal
- **Westchester Meditation Center:** Meditation center in New York State
- **Wisdom Seat:** Meditation center near Philadelphia, PA
- **Rigpa:** Australian National Retreat and London Center Program
- **RESO:** Meditation group in Paris, France
- **True Nature:** Meditation group in Tokyo, Japan

INDIVIDUALS

Recordings from the Digital Library are used extensively for personal practice–as components of solitary retreats or for personal study on a particular topic. Listeners tell us that our releases have helped them through a difficult time in their lives, that these recordings are a great pre-sleep listen, or that the clips and images we post are the perfect addition of dharma to their social media feeds. And the searchable nature of the Digital Library allows people to access resources on topics that are otherwise hard to find!

> I can't even imagine a time before the Digital Library. How did we ever find the resources we needed to study, contemplate, and pass on this treasury of teachings?
>
> — Tashi Colman

FUTURE PLANNING

Looking ahead to FY 2027*

Planned Releases

We have an ambitious year planned ahead. In FY 2027, we aspire to transcribe, publish, and release 350 talks, an 83% increase over FY 2026. If successful, we will have over 61% of the Library's General Collection complete by June 30, 2027. Our goal is to finish populating the Digital Library with all of Trungpa Rinpoche's talks by the end of calendar year 2028.

Expanding Partnerships

As the goal to fully populate the Library comes closer to completion, we begin to turn more attention toward programming, education, and pathways into the material. Partnerships with like-minded organizations will be key to these developments–we view partnerships as expanding our family! The team has already begun work on a broader plan for FY 2027 to connect and collaborate in many areas: supporting current relationships, developing new ones, and expanding collaborative initiatives to nurture community and open up new avenues into Trungpa Rinpoche's teachings.

Translation

An organic approach to translation is already underway as international organizations have come to us with ideas for how to translate the talks themselves into their own languages. In the coming year, we plan to invest in this initiative and move toward "official" pilot programs for translating talks and making the translations available on our site, an exciting frontier in bringing these teachings to the world and opening channels of access.

Fundraising

In the next fiscal year, we plan to launch the No Talk Left Behind capital campaign. This will soft-launch with a $50,000 year-end drive for calendar year 2026 that leads into a much larger campaign for 2027 (the 40th anniversary of Trungpa Rinpoche's parinirvana) and beyond. With this funding, the primary goal is to complete the General Collection of the Digital Library in the next 2-3 years, and to invest in programming, partnerships, translation, and additional staff. We will be speaking with organizations that support our work and sharing our fundraising goals with donors large and small. We anticipate a robust campaign, with aspirations to increase the percentage of donors who offer recurring gifts, reach out to younger donors, and encourage Library users and social media followers to become financial supporters as well.

*Fiscal Year 2027: July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Click here to preview the full catalog!

Projections for the next fiscal year* (and beyond!)

Talks to be published in FY 2027:
350

Percentage complete by June 30, 2027:
61%

Final Library completion date:
December 31, 2028



Examples of collaborations and partnerships in FY 2027 with Shambhala Online, DDL Online, and RESO in France

OUR PEOPLE

Our team brings together a diverse mix of editors, database designers and visionaries, scholars, writers, educators, artists, and graphic designers, all united in one task: to make the teachings of Chögyam Trungpa available to the largest possible audience, using the latest technology.



Members of the Digital Library team and the CTI Advisory Board, together at the Leadership Summit in September 2025



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CTI Advisory Board Members

The Advisory Group of the Chögyam Trungpa Institute is a dynamic and committed group! It includes:

Carolyn Gimian
Charles Lief
Judith Lief
Jane Carpenter Cohn
Carla Marie Burns
Randy Sunday
Mitchell M. Levy, MD
Ashoka Mukpo
Jim Wilton
Hazel Bercholz
In Memoriam: Diana J. Mukpo

Read more about our board here!

MESSAGES FROM OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP

Digital Library Director Lynn Friedman



It's been nine years since we started this project, and I'm still excited about discovering the next hidden treasure in the collection. I'm also continuously impressed by and grateful for my talented and dedicated colleagues. Over the past year, our team members cross-trained on different parts of our workflow and streamlined our processes and technology; as a result, we're on track to double the number of talks we release to the Library next year. It's been truly gratifying to see the visits to the Library steadily rise and to hear how it has been a support and encouragement for people's dharma paths. Our whole team is committed to making this full collection accessible and approachable for people far and wide, now and in the future, and with your support we can "make it so"!



Editorial Director Leandra Ziegler

I am delighted to share that this year, the editorial department expanded our curated catalog by providing vital context for 191 newly released recordings. We published a wide array of original multimedia articles exploring Trungpa Rinpoche's unique presentation of the four foundations of mindfulness, the mandala principle, and devotion; the stories behind his invitation to North America and his first vajrayana teachings there; the complete Milarepa seminar collection; and more! We also launched our much-anticipated "book-to-talks" articles: playlists linking each chapter of a classic book to the original talk it is based on, beginning with *The Myth of Freedom and the Way of Meditation*. Beyond the Library's essential work of preserving and archiving Trungpa Rinpoche's teachings, the editorial team remains dedicated to presenting this treasure trove of dharma in an accessible, compelling, and educational way for a contemporary audience.

Communications Manager Emily Waters

This was an exciting year for outreach, audience engagement, and expansion. Offering many pathways into Digital Library material continued as a top priority, and we poured energy into existing channels while starting to open up new ones. Social media follows and post interactions increased significantly–a win, not just for the sake of marketing, but because every view, like, or comment represents someone hearing or learning about Rinpoche's profound teachings, perhaps in an entirely new way. Partnership expansion is also something I'm proud of this year. There are so many shared interests and goals across mahasangha organizations; collaboration offers fertile ground for community-building and program development on all sides. These are signs of more to come in the future, as we continue to explore and expand ways for people across the globe to discover and connect with these teachings.



OUR HOME AT NAROPA UNIVERSITY

The Institute is honored to call Naropa University our home. As the first Buddhist-inspired institution of higher learning in the West, Naropa has been a pioneer of contemplative education in North America for more than 50 years. Our close association with Naropa benefits both CTI and the University, and we feel a strong sense of belonging—of partnership and shared values—within this relationship. The broad community associated with Naropa extends the audiences who engage with CTI, and the Institute is proud to offer resources and opportunities to Naropa faculty, staff, and students. Like Naropa as a whole, CTI's orientation is very much in keeping with Trungpa Rinpoche's innovative approaches to bringing traditional dharma teachings alive in contemporary times. We support new directions that honor the spirit of his work, while encouraging a critical yet respectful assessment of his place in the development of Buddhism in the West.



CTI 2025 Leadership Summit, held at the Naropa University Arapahoe Campus. Photo by Travis Detour.



Naropa in Your Neighborhood event in Halifax. Photo by Marvin Moore.

2025 LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

In September 2025, members of CTI's staff and the Advisory Board gathered together, in person and online, at Naropa—the first time these two groups had come together for extended meetings. We looked at short-term plans, medium-term goals, and long-term vision—programming, leadership, community, fundraising, and more. The meetings were productive, fun, and thought-provoking.

THE INAUGURATION OF PAUL BURKHARDT

CTI Director Carolyn Gimian was pleased to attend the inauguration of new Naropa President Paul Burkhardt in person as a representative of CTI. Paul has been very supportive of fostering the connection between our organizations.

NAROPA IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

In October 2025, more than 100 members of the Halifax community attended an evening reception where Paul Burkhardt (Naropa's incoming president) and Charles Lief (Naropa's outgoing president) spoke, listened to concerns, and outlined Naropa's vision for the next 50 years!

Naropa University seal, designed by Chögyam Trungpa

The community working together on a project is one of the best ways to pull ourselves together. We can put our energy and effort together to work on a particular situation and that will also pull us all together. All of us are expected to understand and develop a sense of greater vision. We are not just trying to maintain our own refrigerator or keep the grease out of our own particular stoves. Our work is concerned with liberating all sentient beings!

— Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche from a fundraising talk to the community in connection with purchasing the future home of Vajradhatu in Boulder, on Spruce Street





Top photo: construction of the shrine room at 1345 Spruce St in Boulder, CO.
Bottom photo: Trungpa Rinpoche presiding over the opening of the new building.

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Why our Donors Give

We consider everyone who uses the Digital Library or donates to the Library–or hopefully both!–to be part of our CTI family. In the past year, more than 144 donations were made, and 21,000 people visited the Library. Here are some messages we received from our wonderful donors!

Thank you for your dedication and work in sharing the very important, vital, and practical teachings of the venerable Chögyam Trungpa.

– Donor message from 2025

"Thank you so much for making this material available! It is wonderful. I am so grateful to be able to see these talks now, 50 years later and I am still doing the Sadhana [of Mahamudra] regularly." –AH, donor

"Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have carried on this ever growing, brilliant treasure gift to us and future generations of sentient beings. May the dharma expand fearlessly on the Windhorse of your inspired exertion."
–JM, donor

"Trungpa Rinpoche's teaching will benefit all beings. I must have accumulated so many merits before to hear his teachings. Thanks for putting the effort together to organize his teachings at Naropa University."
–YS, donor

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FUNDRAISING

The Future of the Institute

Since the launch of the Digital Library, yearly donations support the ongoing transcription and publication of talks at a steady pace. Other funds have gone to teacher training, programming development, and other initiatives. We've been gratified to see the significant interest in our work and have benefited from gifts of all sizes. We are confident that donors will continue to support our work, and we value tremendously the family of donors and Library users that has developed over the years.

2027 is the 40th anniversary of the Parinirvana, or death, of Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Four decades after Trungpa Rinpoche's passing, there is a sense of urgency to complete the project of preserving and publishing all of his audio and video teachings. The Institute is super-charged with the goal of completing the publication of all his public teachings in the next two to three years. We know that **He Never Gave the Same Talk Twice**–so all of them are precious and unique.

Thus, our stated motto: ***No Talk Left Behind!***



> Thank you for continuing to preserve, nurture, and protect our Guru's precious teachings for the world and for future generations.
>
> – Message from RE, one of our donors

INDIVIDUAL DONORS

Our donor base includes more than 680 individual donors, giving anywhere from $10/year to thousands of dollars or more! Every donation–large or small, one-time or recurring–is needed and very much appreciated. One-time gifts currently make up the majority of donor contributions. Recurring gifts are also very helpful because it is income we can count on as we plan the coming years, and even a small monthly donation accumulates over time to become a substantial contribution! In fiscal year 2026, recurring donations–weekly, monthly, or quarterly–made up only a small fraction of our fundraising, so a goal for FY 2027 is to increase the number of recurring donations. We also believe this is a way to engage younger potential donors.

BEQUESTS

Bequests are a special kind of contribution–one that lives on after a person has passed. These may include a cash gift in any amount, a gift of property, or residuary and contingent bequests. Bequests are incredibly helpful to the ongoing work of the Chögyam Trungpa Institute. We received a very generous bequest in FY 2025 that continues to help fund our efforts. The Institute will provide guidance and information to people who are interested in planned giving. Please let us know if we can work with you on bequest planning!

OTHER GIFTS THAT SUSTAIN US

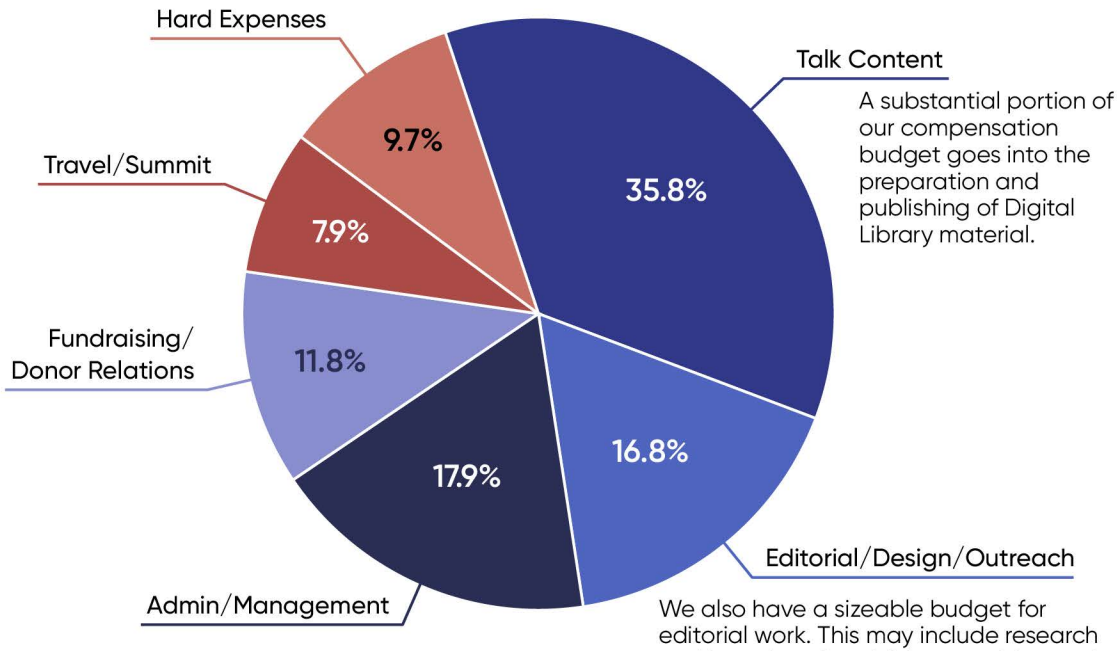
In addition to individual donations, in FY 2026 we also received generous grants from the Khyentse Foundation, the Open Sky Foundation, and the Pema Chödrön Foundation. We are incredibly grateful to these organizations for their support. In FY 2027, we will receive an additional installment of the Khyentse Foundation grant, and continue to explore foundations, grants, and other organizational funding avenues as part of our overall strategy for the year.

FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

This page offers a high-level view of our budget and spending from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The vast majority of our budget (82.4%) goes to staff compensation. During Trungpa Rinpoche's lifetime, much transcription work was done by volunteers, but now, with the specialized technology and processes needed for online publication and our requirements for accuracy and efficiency, we proudly compensate our staff. Their professionalism and commitment are extraordinary. Most are part time, supplementing work for us with other jobs. Staff make financial sacrifices to be part of our team, while benefiting greatly in other respects. The day-to-day usability and long-term archival efficacy of the hardware and software we use for the Library's digital files are also of vital importance. Hence, the majority of our "hard expenses" budget goes toward servers, backups, and software/hosting fees.

EXPENSES BY AREA

FY2026 = $204,227



Talk Content

A substantial portion of our compensation budget goes into the preparation and publishing of Digital Library material.

Editorial/Design/Outreach

We also have a sizeable budget for editorial work. This may include research and interviews in addition to writing and editing newsletters, Explore posts, and social media communications. Connecting with and educating our audience, and reaching anyone interested in the material, are essential parts of our mission.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

BALANCE SHEET	JULY 1, 2025 to JUNE 30, 2026
Starting Fund Balance	**$302,329**
Revenue (Contributions Received)	$147,391
Expenses Total	-$204,227
Ending Fund Balance	**$245,493**

EXPENSE DETAILS	
Talk Content	
Media Preparation	$5,730
Transcription	$37,738
Cataloguing / Metadata	$20,116
Captioning / Publishing	$9,605
Editorial and Admin	
Editorial / Design / Outreach	$34,386
Fundraising / Donor Relations	$24,000
Admin / Management	$36,650
Subtotal	**$168,225**
Hard Expenses & Travel	
Server / Backup	$7,622
Software / Hosting Fees	$11,240
General Supplies	$993
Travel / Leadership Summit	$16,147
Subtotal	**$36,002**
Total Expenses	**$204,227**

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THANK YOU!

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Think of people in the future. Think what the generations to come are going to go through. **Everybody in the future, yet to be born or newly born, all our future generations are depending on you, every one of you. You're going to influence the future a great deal.** You will have as much influence as your own parents, your own past generations, have had on you. We have a huge role to play. We are not just innocent bystanders hanging around here at [laughing] Naropa Institute, just hearing or reading this particular public talk. It might be nice to hear, very entertaining, but that's not good enough. We don't want to create another pile of garbage. So everybody has a lot of responsibility, so much responsibility. **You are going to influence humankind in the future– literally, personally, directly.**

— **Chögyam Trungpa, from a Public Talk on Buddhist Tantra given at Naropa in 1975**



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