

BookBinding I Class

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Class Notes

The major concept of Bookbinding is: AD-LIB

- 1) **Torn Page-** tape together using Scotch Tape. Make sure that the torn sides match. Tape both sides of the tear. For a part of a page that has been lost get a very good photocopy of the page and lay it over the original. Cut both at the same time you now have a matching page that you use a bead of glue and tape both sides to repair.
- 2) **Loose Page-** In most cases the page does not come out clean and so you must cut a clean edge along the page. Take as little of the page as possible or you will have the words in the spine of the book. Put a bead of glue along the fresh edge and then carefully drop it in so that the page is resting on the spine or back of the signature. Close book and let dry. Make sure there is not excess glue or you will glue the pages closed.
- 3) **Loose Cover-** The inside attachment has torn or is gone. But the cover is still attached to the spine. You want to reinforce the cover by taping along the cover and front page.
- 4) **Corners-** If the corner has become worn you will need to repair it before it develops more problems. Two things should be done. First if you have a layered thing happening you will use some glue to make it into one piece again. Once dry you will take the corner piece and put the "V" at the corner and fold into the book with the two flaps "meeting".
- 5) **Spine Tops-** For strengthening the spine when it starts to split at the top or bottom. Take the wing and apply the inside of the "V" to the top or bottom edge. The top arms of the V should extend above or below the book. These will be folded over the covers to give a strength to the wings.
- 6) **Spine-** Spine is damaged or even torn off. So make a new spine for the book Take a large wide piece of tape and make it one inch longer at top and bottom. Cut a piece of paper the same size as the spine. If you have the old spine label trim it and use that first. Center the label first and then the new spine paper. Place a piece of tape at top and bottom across the top and bottom of the spine paper.
At each corner of the spine paper cut a narrow "V" to the top or bottom. Fold the now center flap down or up onto the spine paper. Place book spine on the paper and bring up one side up. Fold the flaps over onto the cover. Repeat with the other side.

Web Resources

Repair How-To:

- Brodart's Book Care and Book Repair webpage (with videos): www.shopbrodart.com/book-care-repair
- Demco's Book Repair How-to Videos: www.demco.com/goto?BOOKREPAIRVIDEO
- Conservation Book Repair A Training Manual (PDF): www.library.state.ak.us/hist/conman.html

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