

Book Repair--Tips to Improve Your Library Appearance and Help Books Last Longer

Supplies Needed

- Cloth adhesive book tape—2” to 4”
- Nonorganic glue such as high-quality wood glue (Ponal, etc.)
- Clear high-quality heavy-duty tape for book repair
- Clear high-quality lightweight tape for repairing torn pages—document quality, if available
- Clear lamination adhesive sheets or rolls
- Scissors—good quality
- Brush
- Thin stick such as skewer
- Straight edge
- Waxed paper
- Rubber bands for holding books together as glue dries
- Optional--Felt-tip markers to write titles or call numbers on book-taped spines

Tips

- Cut cloth book tape 2” longer than the spine length in order to have 1” extra tape at top and bottom to cut and anchor
- Cut lamination sheets about an inch longer all the way around the cover—front and back and spine—of the paperback
- When tipping in pages, dab glue on page edge with thin stick and use wax paper on each side of tipped-in pages
- Use wax paper with rubber bands on gummed spines and between books when doing repair