MINOR BOOK REPAIR FOR YOUR PERSONAL COLLECTIONS
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Techniques Demonstrated
The techniques listed below are simple solutions addressing minor repair needs for personal collection materials. Polyvinyl acetate (PVA) adhesive is recommended, although glue such as Elmer’s® can be used. A conservator should be consulted regarding valuable and/or irreplaceable items (see “Finding a Conservator”).

- **Tipping in detached pages**
  - Supplies: waste paper, brush, glue, bone folder, waxed paper, weight for pressing
  - (from “Three Basic Book Repair Procedures” an online tutorial by Carole Dyal and Pete Merrill-Oldham)

- **Mending tears**
  - Supplies: waste paper, brush, glue, waxed paper, weight for pressing
  - Tips/Reminders: place waste paper under torn page; sparingly apply glue with brush to one side of tear; carefully lay opposing side of tear onto glue; place waxed paper on either side of tear; dry with weight applied

- **Consolidating corners that are frayed and/or split**
  - Supplies: slightly damp paper towel, brush, glue, waxed paper, two squares of stiff board, binder clips
  - Tips/Reminders: dab glue into splitting board and/or frayed cloth; wipe excess glue away with slightly damp paper towel; place waxed paper around corner followed by small squares of board on either side; apply binder clip and allow to dry

- **Tightening loose hinges (cover and end sheet are beginning to separate)**
  - Supplies: slightly damp paper towel, knitting needle, glue, bone folder, waxed paper, weight for pressing
  - Online Refresher: [http://www.philobiblon.com/bkrepair/BookRepair.html#hinge1](http://www.philobiblon.com/bkrepair/BookRepair.html#hinge1)
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Finding a Conservator
The American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works (AIC) offers an online brochure with details on selecting a conservator:

The Conservation Department of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center maintains a site listing conservators in the Austin area:

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### Supply Vendors

Items such as bone folders and polyvinyl acetate (PVA), as well as other preservation related supplies, can be found at one or more of the vendors listed below.

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### A Brief Selection of Online Preservation/Conservation Resources

- **Caring for Your Collections**
  - The Library of Congress
    - [www.loc.gov/preserv/careothr.html](http://www.loc.gov/preserv/careothr.html)

- **Conservation/Preservation Information for the General Public**
  - Conservation Online (CoOL)
    - [palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/genpub/](http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/bytopic/genpub/)

- **Resource Center and Online Resources**
  - Conservation Department, Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center
    - [www.hrc.utexas.edu/conservation/resources/](http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/conservation/resources/)

- **Technical Leaflets** (various topics)
  - Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC)
    - [www.nedcc.org/resources/leaflets.list.php](http://www.nedcc.org/resources/leaflets.list.php)