**Basic Book Repair: Hinge Tightening**

This procedure is for books that are sagging at the shoulders but do not have torn spines or endpapers.

**Necessary materials:** PVA in a tall skinny bottle, knitting needles, boards, weight, waste paper.

1. Place book on a piece of waste paper standing up with boards open.
2. Dip a knitting needle or bamboo skewer into the glue bottle and let drain a bit.
3. Insert needle or skewer into the hinge of the book and work around. Repeat on other side if needed or repeat from other end if the book is very tall.


5. Bone in joint being careful not to tear the cloth.

6. Place book between two boards with knitting needles or bamboo skewers in the joints and weight. Let dry.