Basic Book Repair: Tipping-in a loose page

This procedure works well for books that have up to 5 loose/detached pages. If more than 5 pages are detached, you may want to consider getting the book rebound. It also works for adding errata sheets, publishers’ replacement pages or other inserts into bound volumes.

Necessary materials: PVA mix, brush, waste paper, wax paper, bone folder, weight, straight edge, scalpel.

1. Trim the edge of the loose/detached page if necessary.
2. Place sheet onto a clean piece of waste paper. With another strip of waste paper, cover the detached sheet leaving no more than 1/8” exposed.

3. Brush out the exposed paper with a light coating of PVA.

4. Pick up the detached page and carefully position it glue side down in the book making sure that the head and fore edge line up exactly.
5. Gently bone the page to ensure adhesion. Do not rub too hard or you may tear the paper.

6. Place a strip of wax paper in to prevent pages sticking in case any PVA oozes out.