

Clean Book Covers

Cleveland Library usually stocks denatured alcohol, Pine-Sol, window cleaner, and Goo Gone. Clean and completely dry before sending to the label step.

Label glue on Hard/Gloss Cover

Get a clean cotton rag and dampen with Goo Gone.

Magic Marker on Hard/Gloss Cover

Get a clean cotton rag, just dampen slightly with Braun Shaver Head Cleaner, a denatured alcohol, and rub lightly until the marker is removed

Crayon on Hard/Gloss Cover

Use Pine-Sol

Magic Marker on Clothe Cover

Get Absorene Book Cleaner, at local arts supply store, or

- 1. Gently rub a pencil eraser along the magic marker stain. Brush away eraser residue and repeat.**
- 2. If on a white book binding, dab a soft cloth into a bit of bleach to pat along the stain. If on a colored cover, use color-safe bleach. Leave the binding to set; check later and repeat if necessary.**
- 3. Wet a Mr. Clean Magic Eraser and run along the stain. Use the non-abrasive side first. If more pressure is needed, use the blue scrubbing side.**
- 4. Run a cotton ball soaked in nail polish over the stain if noticed immediately after the stain has been made. Use non-acetone first. Try an acetone version for a deeper stain.**
- 5. Rub a Tide to Go pen on cloth book binding stains. Press the pen into the binding to release the cleaning fluid, then direct it via the pen along the stain.**

- 6. Wash the binding with warm soapy water immediately if the binding is leather. The soap will prevent the stain from settling into the pores and becoming part of the leather's dye.**
- 7. Form Absorene Book Cleaner into a ball and knead into the stain. The putty-like cleaner will absorb the stain from the binding.**
- 8. Squeeze a bit of toothpaste onto a soft cloth or old toothbrush to rub into the stain.**

Aftercare: Protect the Binding

- 1. Preserve the binding with a preservative such as Vaseline or wax mixed with castor oil. Work the protectant into a piece of cloth, then work into the binding, paying special attention to the corners. This moisturizes the binding while lubricating for typical wear and tear.**
- 2. Wipe the binding gently with a clean cloth or tea towel.**
- 3. Store in a cool, dry, lowly lit environment. Avoid humidity and do not wrap in newsprint, as images can transfer.**