

# Preservation Unit

Preserving SFPL's unique collection.

One Piece at a Time



San Francisco Public Library



# Brief History of the Preservation Unit

**1989**

- The Book Repair and Bindery operation was created

**1992**

- The unit was reorganized into the Preservation Unit

**2014**

- City DHR worked with SEIU to address the classification situation

**2019**

- New classifications were developed and posted

**2020**

- The Civil Service Commission passed the Status Grant request unanimously

# Typical Treatments

## **Book Conservation:**

- Rebacking
- Recasing
- Resawing

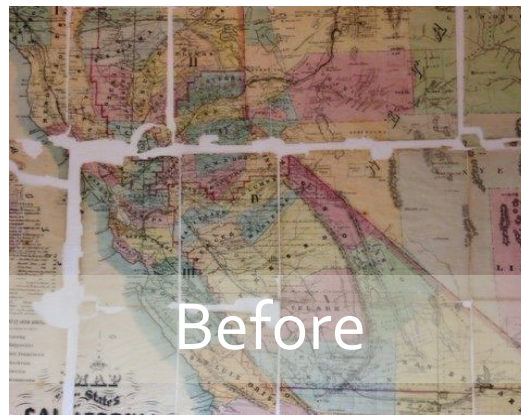
## **Book Repair:**

- Mending Cracked Text Block
- Mending Loose Hinges and Pages

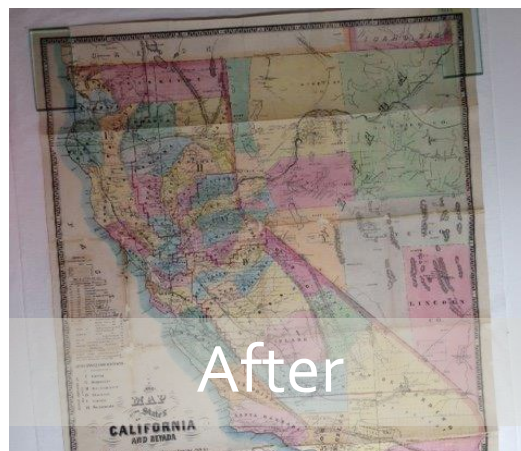
## **Paper Conservation:**

- Paper Repair with Japanese Tissue and Paste
- Backing Maps
- Washing and deacidifying Paper-Based Items
- Cleaning and Unrolling Tightly Bound Panoramic Photographs

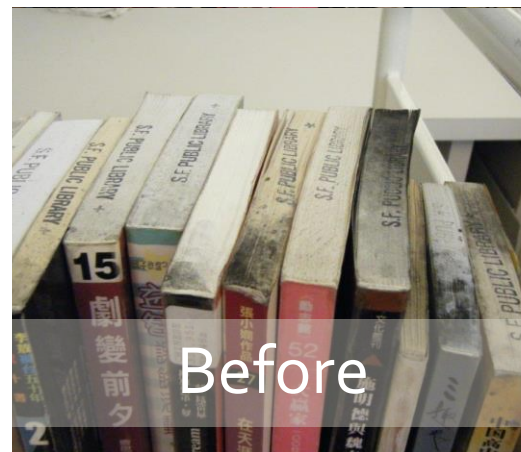
# The Magic of Preservation



Before



After



Before



After



Before



After

With Profound  
Gratitude...

## And a Heartfelt Thank You To:

- City Librarian – Michael Lambert
- Civil Service Commission
- Department of Human Resources
- San Francisco Public Library Human Resources  
Department
- SEIU 1021

Last But Not  
Least...

# Thank you

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# Thank you

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