

## Cleaning Books

Cleaning cloth, paper, plastic, and buckram bound books improves their appearance immediately and is easily done.

### Outside

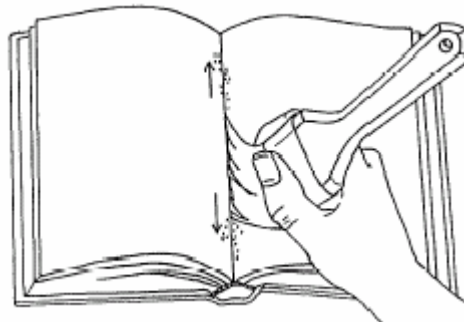
- Brush off the covers with a stiff brush
- Brush the top edge from the spine toward the fore-edge
- If top edge is gilded – use a soft eraser
- Wipe off plastic covers with a sponge slightly dampened with lukewarm water
- Apply a few drops of Goo-Gone (or similar cleaner) to remove persistent stains and adhesive residue
- Wipe cleaner off with a damp cloth or towel
- Use a vacuum cleaner if available to remove dust, especially from the top edge
- Use an eraser to remove some surface dirt on the fore-edge, but keep book tightly closed while doing it. Do not attempt this with deckled edges.

### Inside

- Use a soft eraser to clean smudges and pencil marks from pages
- Use a soft brush to sweep debris off the pages



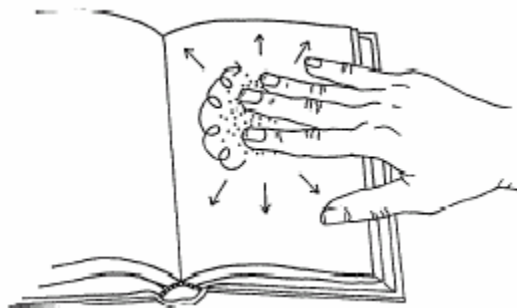
- Always erase from the center of the page outward to prevent wrinkling and tearing
- Do not use eraser on brittle paper – it abrades too easily
- Clean gutters with a soft brush



## Cleaning Books (2)

**For delicate papers use the following method:**

1. Grate some art gum eraser on a regular household grater
2. Spread the particles on the page to be cleaned
3. Move the grated eraser around with your fingertips



4. Remove all particles carefully when they get dark from accumulated dirt
5. A dry-cleaning powder which comes in a pad, or a container, can be used the same way instead of grated art gum

