“Tubing in” is a method for fixing a book when the cover and text are each sound but are coming loose from each another. For a book to be a candidate for “tubing in,” the cover must be together, the sewing intact, and the endsheets continuous and unbroken. With a book in this condition, it is usually possible to reconnect the text block to the cover by means of a tube that you attach to the back of the text. Gluing the tube to the inside of the cover at the spine makes a strong and suitable repair for a book when the hinging has failed.  [Note: For books over 12” tall, tubing is still possible, but other more substantial and technically more advanced methods of rehinging should be investigated.]

**Preparation of the Text Block:**

1. If necessary, peel the first/last fly leaves up from the text (this may have already happened, depending on how loose the text is in the binding).
2. Tip on any loose pages from the text and, if necessary, apply a strip of Japanese tissue (such as seiki-shu) around the shoulder of the text block to stabilize a sloppy text block.
3. Do not apply a hinge.
4. Fix the endbands as needed.
5. Make and apply a tube, as described in the “Tubes and Linings” handout.

**Attach Text to Cover:**

1. Once the tube is dry, apply a medium coat of PVA to the outside of the tube. Do not get PVA on any other part of the text.
2. Coat the inside of the cover spine with a light coat of paste. Coat only the spine (not the joint area).
3. Put the text (right side up!) back in the cover and position it as it should be relative to the head and tail of the cover. As you are settling the text block into the cover, do not get PVA on any part of the cover other than the inside of the spine.
4. Push the text back into the spine firmly, using a forefinger applied to the fore edge of the text while holding the cover securely with your other hand. Work a piece of waxed paper in between the front cover and the first fly leaf and likewise at the back.
5. Lay book on counter and set a weight on top of it. Let dry several hours.
6. If needed, apply a line of PVA to re-tip the first and last fly leaves in place (sometimes these are adequately secured at the end of the repair process and do no need tipping).