

Athens and the Open Library

Post by "Joshua" of October 20, 2019 at 8:28 PM

Thank you. And you strike on the same observation as Stephen Greenblatt, Elayne;

Quote

Some protective measures, such as sprinkling cedar oil on the pages, were discovered to be effective in warding off damage, but it was widely recognized that the best way to preserve books from being eaten into oblivion was simply to use them and, when they finally wore out, to make more copies. *The Swerve: "The Teeth of Time"*

It is the "unbroken chain" of tradition and study that most reliably saves books.