

## **D. BOOKBINDING LABORATORY**

**Inside the Laboratory, staff specialized in the field of artisan bookbinding carry out a wide range of tasks, including bookbinding and minor restoration of books, magazines, and newspapers. The primary objective of these activities is the preservation and safeguarding of the rich book heritage of the libraries of the Municipality of Genoa.**

**The artisan skills of the staff combine with the use of specific and complex machinery to ensure high-quality results. Bookbinding, performed using traditional methods, involves the application of techniques requiring precision and patience, considerable manual skills and a deep knowledge of the materials used. During the binding process, damaged books, magazines, and newspapers are carefully repaired and restored. This may include replacing covers, repairing damaged pages, or applying specific methods to remove stains and signs of wear. Each intervention is carried out with great care to preserve the authenticity and integrity of the original material.**

**The Bookbinding Laboratory plays a fundamental role in keeping the library heritage of the libraries of the Municipality of Genoa in optimal conditions, ensuring that the works are accessible to future generations. Thanks to the experience and dedication of the specialized staff, the art of bookbinding is passed down and valued, contributing to the preservation of an important page of cultural and literary history.**