SHUFFLED PAGES

This trick seems to turn books into mighty magnets.

You need:
2 books of the same size and number of pages
Table

What To Do
Take the two books (they can be either hard cover or paperback) and place them on a table with their front edges touching. Treat the books as if they are the two halves of a deck of cards that you will shuffle together. Let the pages fall slowly from your thumbs, allowing them to thoroughly interlace. After the shuffle, force the books as close together as you can. Challenge someone to grasp the spines of the books and pull the books apart. It can’t be done!

Why does it work?
A slight amount of friction develops between any two pages that are from opposite books. The effect is magnified by the many coupled pages into a strong friction that keeps the books from separating.