

Artist Statement on Lost in My Life (Wrapped Books)

I can't remember a time when I didn't have books around me. A sister reminds me that at age five I set up a lending library from my own nascent collection, complete with stamps and circulation numbers, as well as late fines. My public was my family.

Here, my feet rest on *Constable's Skies* as art history books from the Lehman Art Center Library in Andover, Massachusetts are re-arranged and wrapped in aluminum foil, sanitizing and homogenizing the outward appearance, obstructing the easy flow of information. Each book is wrapped so that it can still be read, allowing that a library can be a site for revealing and obscuring, and for the continual recycling of forms and ideas.

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