

Bio

Elizabeth Perry is a teacher, writer, and artist with a particular interest in creating relationships between material and digital worlds. Her daily sketchbook journal may be found at www.elizabethperry.com/woolgathering, where she has been blogging since 2002. She is a founding editor of the Pittsburgh Signs Project, an online public art project documenting the visual landscape of Western Pennsylvania, www.pittsburghsigns.org. She is an author and editor of a book drawn from that experience, *Pittsburgh Signs Project: 250 Signs of Western Pennsylvania*, published by Carnegie Mellon University Press in 2009. *Think Cool Thoughts*, a children's book she wrote, was published in 2005 by Clarion Books.

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