

# Colorado Girl Returns to Her Roots with Assignment in the Greenhorn Valley



Photo by Wallace Rice  
Jennifer Tozer, branch supervising librarian at Greenhorn Valley Library.

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Greenhorn Valley View Intern

The resignation of supervising librarian Joanna Stankiewicz from the Greenhorn Valley branch of the Pueblo City-County Library District left a vacancy long sought after by, and tailor made for, Jennifer Tozer, self-described Colorado girl, and lover of all things

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"books." Tozer became the branch supervising librarian on Monday, February 3, 2020. Tozer was born and raised in southern Colorado, graduating from Salida High School in 1997 where she was a cheerleader and active in drama, and choir during a period when her ambition was, briefly, to be an actress. I had to ask, of course, and

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After graduation, Tozer attended Colorado University, on an academic scholarship for one year. The move from beautiful downtown Salida to Boulder was, according to Tozer, a little overwhelming. She transferred to University of Colorado, Colorado Springs for her second year of undergraduate work. She returned to Salida briefly before continuing her college career in such diverse majors as Astro Physics, Italian and International Relations, Liberal Arts, and a brief period during which she was undeclared before graduating from Colorado State University, Fort Collins with a degree in philosophy. "My dad used to tease me by asking, 'So, once you earn a degree in philosophy, are you going to think about getting a job?'" said Tozer. She spent several years working for Starbuck's where she gained experience in customer service and management. In January of 2013, Tozer

returned to the classroom, completing an online program through Clarion University and earning a master's degree in library science. During this same period, Tozer was working full time at the at the Pueblo Chemical Depot and raising two young boys. After graduation, she completed an intern position at Rawlings, the district's flagship library. But, it was at the chemical depot, she gained experience in data collection and entry working for engineers, an experience that would benefit her later in her career.

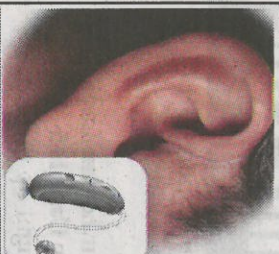
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Eventually, she accepted a part time position at the Lamb branch library before moving to a full time position at Rawlings as a, wait for it, "technology trainer and digital resources librarian," in March of 2019. She held that

Tozer was aware of the frequent changes in management at the valley library and was clear that one of her goals was to instill stability at that lead position. "Greenhorn Valley is a great library with an excellent staff. I'd like to build relationships with the community and complete team building exercises with the staff, drawing them together to accomplish common goals," said Tozer. "Additionally, I'd like to open the eyes of our customers about the variety of services we can offer, demonstrate technology advantages of the modern library, and expand adult programming," added Tozer.

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