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5 Local Valentine's Gifts for Everyone's Taste

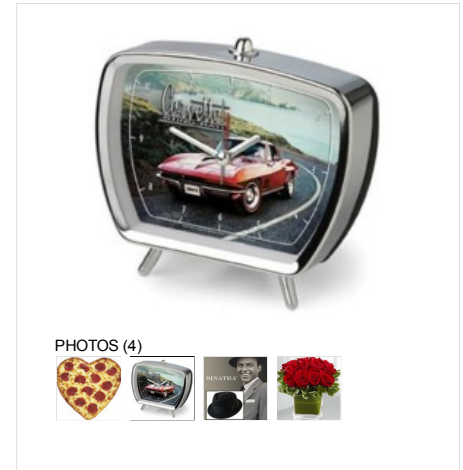
Valentine's Day doesn't have to mean flowers and chocolates (though there's nothing wrong with that).

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Valentine's Day is a little more than a week away, so if you haven't started thinking of a gift for your special someone, now may be a good time to start.

Not everyone likes chocolate and flowers, so instead how about an alarm clock that wakes you up with the sound of a V-8 engine? Or a heart-shaped pizza? We've got five ways you can score big this Valentine's Day. On this list, there's something for everyone. (Don't worry, if you do like flowers, we have that, too.)

1. Share the love with your animal friends by **adopting an animal** from the [Detroit Zoo](#) (<http://royaloak.patch.com/listings/detroit-zoological-park>) as part of the [A.D.O.P.T.S.](#) (<http://www.detroitzoo.org/adopts>) program (Animals Depend on People to Survive). Adoption fees begin at \$40, and with your contribution, you'll help provide veterinary and general care for more than 3,000 animals representing 255 species.
2. The [Lido Gallery](#) (<http://birmingham.patch.com/listings/lido-gallery-2>) has ways to appeal to your man this Valentine's Day, including a Chevrolet Corvette **retro-inspired alarm clock** featuring the sound of an authentic V-8 engine as its wake-up call. The clock makes a great gift until you can buy him the real thing and it costs only \$16. Is your guy more a fan of old Blue Eyes? Snag a **crushable wool felt hat**, a replica of Frank Sinatra's—and endorsed by his estate—for only \$49.
3. If you're looking for flowers this Valentine's Day, [Moran's Flora](#) (<http://birmingham.patch.com/listings/morans-flora>) has more than 20 combinations of **red, white and pink flowers** to make any special someone smile. Prices begin at \$37 and go as high as \$187, depending on the flower and complexity of the bouquet.
4. [Just Baked](#) (<http://www.justbakedshop.com/>) is just across the border in Royal Oak, but that's no reason why you can't stop in to pick up a **cupcake bouquet** made with chocolate and vanilla cupcakes. Bouquets are available to look like mixed flowers or a favorite flower, and they cost \$24.99 for 10. If you want a bouquet delivered with a card, it costs only an additional \$14. To order, call 248-255-1441.
5. Maybe your special someone is a pizza lover—there's nothing wrong with that, especially if you order a heart-shaped **Love Pizza** from [Papa Romano's](#) (<http://paparomanos.com/>), immediately across the border in Bloomfield. Available Monday through Feb. 14, the Love Pizza is packaged in a special valentine box for only \$5.99. "The great thing about the Love Pizza is it allows you to make a nice impression without spending a lot of money," said Mike Matczak, chief operating officer of Papa Romano's Pizza.



What is the best Valentine's Day gift you've ever received? [Tell us in the comments.](#)

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