

# Valentine's Day Movie Recommendations

There are many ways to celebrate Valentine's Day! One of the ways is to watch movies! If you want to watch movies, here are some recommendations for you!

## A Charlie Brown Valentine

Charlie Brown becomes lovesick over the Little Red-Haired Girl and dearly hopes to get a valentine from her. Just like Charlie Brown, Sally hopes to get a valentine from Linus. Just like those two, Lucy hopes to get one from Schroeder and Peppermint Patty hopes to get one from Charlie Brown. Watch this movie and see how this sweet wholesome film ends!

## Winnie the Pooh: A Valentine For You

The Winnie the Pooh crew goes to find Christopher Robin. When they find him, they find out he's making a valentine for a girl! They also find out he's been bitten by a love bug! The crew then gets worried that he will no longer have time for them, and go seek out another love bug to cure him. Watch this sweet and cute movie to see how it ends! Monster High: Why Do Ghouls Fall In Love?

Draculaura's Sweet 1600th birthday is coming to Monster High! Though she comes to choose between her boyfriend Clawd and her new crush Valentine! Draculaura's friends find something shocking about Valentine. Will they be able to stop him in time? Watch this movie to find out!

In conclusion, there are many Valentine's Day movies. These are just a few recommendations for you!



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# Valentine's Day Around the World!

Though Valentine's Day is not celebrated entirely across the globe, the holiday we know and love is still widely recognized in many different countries including our home, the US! We happen to share loads of traditions with different places but still wildly differ with their unique holiday styles. Celebrating countries include Germany, South Korea, Japan, England, Norway, the Philippines, Denmark, Ghana, Canada, and many other countries around the world. Their traditions all feature a huge variety of activities and rituals. Here are some examples.

In Germany, they eat chocolate pigs and gingerbread and in Ghana, they conjoin Chocolate Day with the holiday. But, some countries don't just eat food. For instance, in the Philippines, they hold huge weddings and in South Korea they pamper men. In Denmark, they exchange pressed white flowers and play guessing games. And in Norway, they have a Santa-type figure titled "Jack Valentine" who leaves presents on peoples' porches.

Next time you decide to take a Valentine's Day vacay, stop at these amazing places and experience an awesome V-Day tradition!

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# Groundhog's Day

Groundhog day is an important day of the year. After all, it's the only day where we ask a rodent for the weather! If the groundhog sees its shadow, there will supposedly be six more weeks of winter. If it doesn't, spring will come early! Groundhog Day, first celebrated on February 2nd, 1887, has its roots in the ancient Christian tradition of Candlemas, when clergy would give candles needed for winter and bless them. The candles represented how long the winter was. Germans changed the idea by choosing an animal, the hedgehog, to predict the weather. When the German settlers came to Pennsylvania, they switched to the groundhog. In 1887, a newspaper editor who was in a group of groundhog hunters (not disturbing at all) from Punxsutawney called the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club essentially said that Phil, the Punxsutawney groundhog, was America's best and only meteorologist rodent. The line of Phils has become the most famous groundhogs, despite the fact that Phil only has a 39% success rate...

Groundhogs (also known as woodchucks) belong to a group of ground squirrels known as marmots. It is found throughout much of the Eastern United States, across Canada, and into Alaska. Another fact about groundhogs is that they are not only meteorologists, but also adorable!

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# Valentine's Day Recipes

## ● Dipped Cherry Cookies

- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour 12 ounces
- white baking chocolate, finely chopped, divided
- 3/4 cup sugar, divided 1/2
- teaspoon almond extract
- 1 cup cold butter, cubed 2 teaspoons
- shortening
- 1/2 cup finely chopped maraschino cherries, patted dry Coarse sugar and red edible glitter



### Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, combine flour and 1/2 cup sugar; cut in butter until crumbly. Knead in cherries, 2/3 cup white chocolate and the extract until dough forms a ball.
2. Shape into 3/4-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased [baking sheets](#). Flatten slightly with a glass dipped in remaining 1/4 cup sugar. Bake at 325° for 10-12 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool completely.
3. In a microwave, melt shortening and remaining white chocolate; stir until smooth.
4. Dip half of each cookie into chocolate; allow excess to drip off. Place on waxed paper; sprinkle with coarse sugar and edible glitter. Let stand until set. Store in an airtight container.

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## Raspberry Chocolate Puffs

- 1 cup milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup white baking chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 package (17.3 ounces) frozen puff pastry, thawed
- 1 package (12 ounces) frozen unsweetened raspberries, thawed
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- Additional confectioners' sugar
- Optional: Fresh raspberries and additional chocolate and white baking chips

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°. Toss together chocolate chips, baking chips and pecans. On a lightly floured surface, roll each pastry sheet into a 12-in. square; cut each sheet into quarters, making four 6-in. squares.
2. Place squares on ungreased [baking sheets](#); top each with about 1/3 cup chocolate mixture. Lightly brush edges of pastry with water; bring together all corners, pinching seams to seal.
3. Bake until golden brown, 18-20 minutes. Remove to a wire rack to cool slightly. Puree frozen raspberries with 1 cup confectioners' sugar in a food processor. Strain to remove seeds.
4. To serve, dust pastries with confectioners' sugar. Serve with raspberry sauce and, if desired, fresh berries and additional chips.

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## MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a federal holiday marking the birthday of the civil rights leader of the same name. He is famous for his advocacy of nonviolence to achieve equality for African Americans. King participated in and led marches for desegregation, labor rights, voting rights, and other civil rights. He is also the founder of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). You probably know him from his famed "I Have a Dream" speech. This holiday got its start from the U.S. Representative John Conyers and U.S. Senator Edward Brooke. They introduced a bill in Congress asking to make King's birthday a national holiday. However, it fell 5 votes short of the number needed to affirm the bill. On November 2, 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed a bill into law, proposed by a representative, to create MLK Jr. Day. It was a success, and the holiday was observed for the first time on January 20, 1986. But although this happened, not all states were willing to observe the holiday. That changed after a while, and soon all the states would come to celebrate MLK Jr. Day. Many people mark this holiday by workplace leave, giving employees at work the day off or closing down the schools (like us!). Some colleges and universities even extend winter break to include MLK Jr. Day. King was unfortunately assassinated on April 4, 1968. But his legacy as one of the most prominent figures in the civil rights movement lives on in the form of MLK Jr. Day.

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## Valentines Day Pictures



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