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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon-Thurs	9a-9p
Fri	9a-6p
Sat	9a-5p
Sun (Sept-May)	1p-5p

Exceptions:

January 19 - Closed
February 12 - Open 11 a.m.
February 16 - Closed

All library programs and events are free and located at the library, unless otherwise noted. Some programs require registration.

REGISTER at the library or by calling 699-3917, unless otherwise noted. Space may be limited.

DROP IN programs do not require registration.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

WELCOME TO 2015!

What a great inaugural year at 400 Richland Street! One highlight was the installation of *Books Flying Off the Shelves*. Commissioned by the library, this unique sculpture was purchased with Peg and Ray Bahnfleth Memorial funds bequeathed to the library. Active in the East Peoria community for many years, Peg was involved in Woman's Club, loved gardening, and served on the Centennial Commission. Peg included the library in her will and requested that her gift be used to beautify the library with artwork. I worked with Jane, Peg's niece, to explore options, and we felt that this piece exemplifies the goal of the library...to have books fly off the shelves and into the hands of patrons! It was dedicated on November 2, 2014, the library's first anniversary in the new building. Jane and I continue to look into more ways to incorporate interesting art into FDL. If you are interested in making a lasting gift supporting Fondulac District Library, please contact me. I'm happy to discuss options that work for you and your family and meet your wishes.

Another exciting opportunity in 2014 was the expansion of library programs and events! With increased space and staff, the library offers more than ever! Within the variety of classes, clubs, and presentations for all ages, you'll find new STEM programming for kids, several events to help you meet your resolutions, and the introduction of a new Teen Advisory Board. Of course, with all of these new happenings, more space is needed to tell you about them. The library's newsletter, like the library and all that it offers, has grown. Also, watch our website for an improved events calendar and online program registration; both are coming soon! Enjoy, and I hope to see you in the stacks!

Amy Falasz-Peterson



Did Santa bring you a mobile gadget? Perhaps a shiny new smartphone or tablet? Visit fondulaclibrary.org or the library for information on getting your device set up with library downloadables and mobile services!

- Download bestselling fiction and nonfiction e-books and audiobooks for all ages with **Alliance Digital Media Library** and **eRead Illinois**.
- Download popular magazines with **Zinio**.
- Enjoy an online collection of animated talking books, read-alongs, eBooks, audiobooks, and more with **Tumblebooks**.
- Download the **BookMyne app** to easily search the library catalog, place holds, and manage your library account on the go.
- Keep up-to-date with your library account activity, get holds notices and due date reminders, and renew items on your mobile phone with **RSA Cat Text Message Service** by Shoutbomb.

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@ YOUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

January 26 at 6 p.m.

February 23 at 6 p.m.

March 30 at 6 p.m.

Recordings of Fondulac District Library Board meetings are available online at esctv.org.

LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

February 2 at 6 p.m.

The Friends support the library's mission through advocacy, fundraising, and volunteerism. Annual dues are only \$5.

ONGOING BOOK SALE

Open during regular library hours, the Friends ongoing Book Sale is located on the first floor across from the Checkout Desk. Great used books, music, and movies are available with prices starting at 25¢.

AWESOME BOX

Returning something awesome to the Fondulac District Library? Put it in the Awesome Box.

The library shares titles on our website that library users think are AWESOME. Placing items in the Awesome Box allows the community to see what others have found helpful, entertaining, or mind-blowing. FDL collaborated with the Harvard Library Innovation Lab (*Yes, that Harvard!*) to offer our patrons this fun new service!

ROKU



COMING SOON

BORROW A ROKU & STREAM MOVIES AT HOME

FDL will soon lend Rokus! Stream popular movies to your television over your wireless Internet connection. Check out a Roku streaming media device from the library, connect it to your television, and start watching the library's Vudu channel of more than 100 movies for all ages. For more information, visit the Second Floor Information Desk or fondulaclibrary.org.

COUNSELOR @ YOUR LIBRARY

1st Wednesdays • January 7, February 4, & March 4 • 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Fondulac District Library partners with Tazwood Center for Wellness to offer free, half-hour confidential counseling and referral sessions in a private space. A licensed clinical professional is available to discuss emotional, behavioral, and familial concerns, as well as addiction, DUI, severe relationship conflicts, or difficulty adjusting to life situations. *DROP IN*

Individuals needing immediate assistance with a mental health crisis are encouraged to call the Emergency Response Services hotline at (309) 347-1148.

LIBRARY STAFF GIVES BACK TO COMMUNITY

Fondulac District Library is excited to announce that in 2014 its staff donated more than \$2,000 to local non-profit organizations that serve East Peoria and surrounding communities. Staff members are invited to participate in Denim Days and voluntarily make personal donations to that month's beneficiary organization in exchange for the privilege of wearing jeans. Beneficiaries included EP!C, East Peoria Food Pantry, Tazewell Animal Protection Services, EPCHS Moms Who Care, and many more.

STUDY ROOMS @ YOUR LIBRARY

Looking for a place to study, work, and collaborate? Fondulac District Library has two study rooms that seat up to 4 people. Rooms can be reserved for two hours, and use is free. (Walk-ins are accepted when no reservations exist.) While the library calls them study rooms, these rooms are often used for orientation sessions, game play, small meetings, interviews, and more. All you need to use a study room is a library card or valid government-issued ID. For additional details or to reserve a room, contact the Second Floor Information Desk.

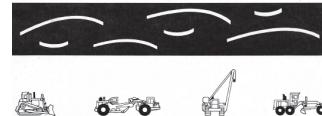
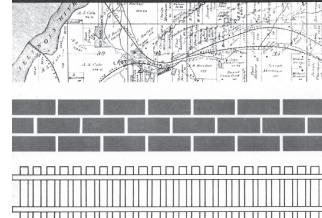
EAST PEORIA HISTORY NOW ONLINE

Centennial History of East Peoria just celebrated twenty years since its commission by the City of East Peoria in 1984, and it is now available online at fondulaclibrary.org. Learn more about your community and its past. A PDF file is available for online viewing, printing, and/or saving, and an eBook version may be borrowed through Alliance Digital Media Library. Of course, print copies are available for review and borrowing at Fondulac District Library and several local libraries.

Tech Tip from Laura Warren, Reference Assistant:

Use the Find function (Ctrl-F on PC, Command-F or Apple-F on Mac) to look for specific words, like the school you attended or your grandfather's name, within the *Centennial History of East Peoria*.

Centennial History of East Peoria



Librarians (and soon special guest readers) review all types of books, from children's picture books, young adult favorites, to the latest adult thriller, and share their thoughts each week with *FDL Reads* at fondulaclibrary.org. As with any review, these are our opinions; we happily disagree amongst ourselves frequently. Please enjoy, and keep on reading!



FONDULAC GAMING CLUB

4th Wednesdays • January 28, February 25, & March 25 • 6 p.m.

FDL's Gaming Club is a chance for gamers of all ages and experience levels to get together and play! The club plays mostly board and card games, but is open to trying all kinds of games. The library has a wide variety of games ready for you to try, so come and play at the library! *DROP IN*

YU-GI-OH! NIGHT

1st Thursdays • February 5 & March 5 • 6 p.m.

Meet at the library for a friendly duel. Gather up your own cards, or try out one of the library's demo decks of this popular trading card game. *DROP IN*



NOT-SO-DRUNKEN ZOMBIE SATURDAY MATINEE

Saturday, February 7 • 1 p.m.

Join the Drunken Zombie crew for a Saturday matinee of a not-so-serious horror flick and post-movie podcast session at the library, where talking back to the movie is both acceptable and encouraged! (This is an alcohol-free event. Sober zombies only, please.) Movie and rating to be announced at fondulaclibrary.org. Learn more about the Drunken Zombie podcasting network and film festival at drunkenzombie.com. *DROP IN*

ALL AGES

YA FOR ALL BOOK CLUB

2nd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

For readers of all ages interested in young adult literature. *DROP IN*

January 13

Grasshopper Jungle
by Andrew Smith

February 10

The Devil's Intern
by Donna Hosie

March 10

Vicious
by V.E. Schwab

MOVIES

@ THE LIBRARY

Visit fondulaclibrary.org or call for more info about what's showing! *DROP IN*

Seating is limited and available first come, first served.

First Friday Flicks

1st Fridays at 1 p.m.

Movie Night

2nd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Mid-week Matinee

3rd Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

More Movies!

Check the library website for additional showings and special movie events!

GAMING

@ THE LIBRARY

Fondulac District Library offers in-library gaming for all ages during regular library hours. *DROP IN*

Board and Card Games

For all ages

WII/WII U Video Games

For kids through 8th grade

PlayStation 3 & 4

Steam Digital PC Games

For teens ages 14-19



Harry Potter Day

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

11 A.M.-4 P.M.

Calling all Wizards to unite for our First Annual Harry Potter Day. Concoct love potions, play Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans Roulette, Quidditch, and much more!! Hogwarts' infamous divination teacher, Professor Trelawney, reads the cards for all of the curious. Be sure to don those robes and wands for a magical time the whole family will enjoy! *DROP IN*



AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES • SAVE THE DATE 4.11.15

ADULTS

ADULT BOOK CLUB

3rd Mondays • 1:30 p.m.

For adult readers. Titles selected by patrons.

DROP IN

January 26*

The Mill River

Redemption (author chat)
by Darcie Chan

February 23*

Tropic of Cancer
by Henry Miller

March 16

Gone Girl

by Gillian Flynn

*Date change due to holidays.

PEO-WRIMOS

2nd Sundays • 1 p.m.

A relaxed group for writers of all levels.

DROP IN

RULES OF THE ROAD REVIEW

Friday, February 20

1:30 p.m.

REGISTER

GROWN UP GAME NIGHTS

3rd Thursdays

5-8:30 p.m.

Video gaming for ages 20+. DROP IN

COOKBOOK CLUB

2nd Mondays • 1:30 p.m.

No cooking required!

DROP IN

January 12

Fitness and wellness

February 9

Low carb, diabetic, and light calories

March 9

Meat dishes

KNITTING CLUB

1st & 3rd Sundays • 2 p.m.

(September-May)

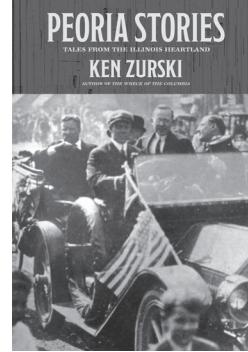
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DROP IN

TALES FROM THE ILLINOIS HEARTLAND WITH KEN ZURSKI PEORIA STORIES

Wednesday, January 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Local author Ken Zurski discusses Peoria Stories, his latest book, which tells of national and local personalities and historic happenings. Learn how Theodore Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Lindbergh, and others not-so-famous feature in the rich history of central Illinois. The program concludes with a book sale and signing. *DROP IN*



WINTER READING

Friday, January 2 -
Saturday, February 28

Reading is the perfect way to relax after the holidays! Adults age 18 and older are invited to pick up a reading log at the library, and read or listen to 5 books from FDL to enter the Winter Reading Drawing.



AUTHOR CHAT: DARCI CHAN

Monday, January 26 • 2 p.m.

If you missed FDL's great talk with her in October, Darcie Chan chats about her Mill River series via Skype again this January. *The Mill River Recluse* appeared on the New York Times and USA Today bestseller lists. Its sequel, *The Mill River Redemption*, was released in August. *DROP IN*

ORGANIZE YOUR SPACE FOR 2015

Wednesday, January 28 • 7 p.m.

Kate Varness, professional organizer with Green Light Organizing, discusses how to get things in order for the new year. A question-and-answer period concludes the presentation. Visit greenlightorganizing.com to submit your questions to be answered at the program. *DROP IN*



MONEY TALKS: FINANCE 101

Thursday, January 29 • 6:30 p.m.

Learn the importance of money basics like budgeting, saving, debt, and how to fiscally protect your family. Financial advisor Darrel Crook guides attendees through some of the steps to get finances in order. *DROP IN*



TAROT UNVEILED

Wednesday, February 11

6:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Anderson shares her passion for Tarot through an informative presentation on the history and development of the cards. Become acquainted with the most influential decks and discover the fascinating art of modern Tarot! *DROP IN*

Make it UGLY

Saturday, February 28

1:30 p.m.

Slay those creative demons! Deliberately make something ugly (not cutsie-ugly, but *ugly-ugly*), release inhibitions, and let your creativity out. There's no need to be crafty; all you need is an open mind. Supplies provided. *REGISTER*



DOING GOOD BY EATING WELL AND GROWING GREAT FOOD

Thursday, March 12 • 6:30 p.m.

The Brockman Family shares their expertise in growing organic foods. Terra kicks off the evening with a consumer focus, introducing The Land Connection. Next, home growers learn from the methods and advice practiced by Teresa, the owner of Sunny Lane Farm, specializing in fruits and herbs. Learn how good taste means nutrition. *DROP IN*

FDL TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Fondulac District Library is excited to announce the formation of a Teen Advisory Board and is currently looking for student volunteers. Any high school student is welcome to apply, including students who need to fulfill volunteer hours for student groups, such as Key Club or National Honor Society, and those who simply have a love of the library and would like to do more to participate in the community. If you are in 9th through 12th grade and interested in contributing your voice to the library community, come to the informational meeting January 8! Please contact Carey at 699-3917 or carey@fondulaclibrary.org for more information.

INTRODUCING THE TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Informational Meeting:
Thursday, January 8 • 4 p.m.

Applications Due:
Thursday, January 15

Regular Meetings:
1st & 3rd Thursdays
February 5 & 19, March 5 & 19
4 p.m.

TEENS

TEEN SPACE BOOK CLUB

3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
For high school students.
DROP IN

January 20
Grave Mercy
by Robin LeFevres

February 17
Cinder
by Marissa Meyer

March 17
The Monstrumologist
by Rick Yancey

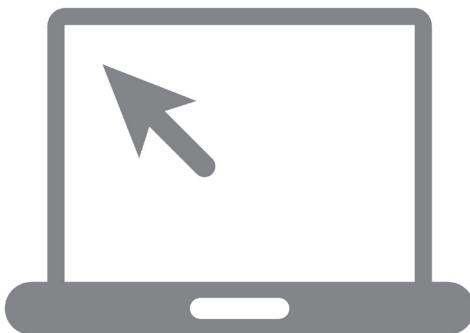
MAKE A ZINE AT FDL

Saturday, March 14 • 12-3 p.m.

FDL wants to hear from you! If you are in 7th through 12th grade, visit the FDL Zine Creation Station to write an article or create some art to put in the library's very first zine. The finished compilation, with all appropriate entries included, will be distributed at the library! *DROP IN*

ZINE CREATION STATION

COMPUTER CLASSES



INTRO TO COMPUTERS

Tuesday, January 6 • 3:30 p.m.

Get a new computer over the holidays or have you had one for awhile, but haven't figured it out on yet? Get help learning the basics, such as how to use a mouse, open a program, save a file, and print a document. Space is limited. *REGISTER*

INTRO TO THE INTERNET

Tuesday, January 27 • 3:30 p.m.

Frustrated with the Internet? Need to know how to get started? Learn about browsers, getting online, and signing up for an email address. Space is limited. *REGISTER*

TECH

ONE-ON-ONE DEVICE ADVICE

Need help using library resources with your computer, tablet, eReader, or smartphone?

Visit the Second Floor Information Desk to get assistance and instruction in using library services on your laptop or mobile device in a one-on-one setting with a librarian. Call 699-3917 for more information.

TECH HELP FROM TEENS

Tuesday, March 10 • 5-7 p.m.

Thursday, March 12 • 5-7 p.m.

Not quite sure how to download music onto your phone, text more than one person at a time, or share pictures on your tablet? Get help from teen tech tutors! Members of the Teen Advisory Board are here to help grown-ups get connected! Bring your portable gadgets to Teen Tech Help nights during Teen Tech Week for assistance from the digital natives. *DROP IN*



KIDS

STORY TIMES

Introduce your children to new stories, songs, crafts, and friends!

Children must be the appropriate age for the session they attend.
DROP IN

January 12–February 28

March 9–April 25

*No sessions week of March 1.

Little Listeners

3-5 years old
Mondays 10-10:30 a.m.

Together Time

24-36 months old & adult
Tuesdays 10-10:30 a.m.

Family Story Time

2+ years old & adult
Tuesdays 1-1:30 p.m.

Tiny Tot Time

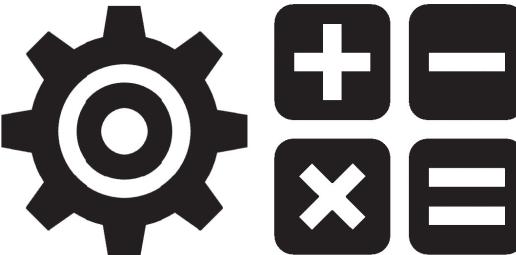
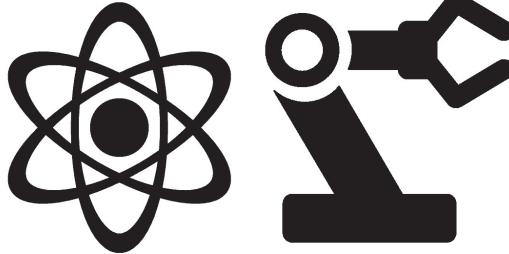
12-24 months old & adult
Thursdays 10-10:20 a.m.

Saturday Story Time

2+ years old & adult
Saturdays 10-10:30 a.m.

ANYTIME ACTIVITIES

Even when there's not a program scheduled, there's always something fun to do at the library! Stop by the desk in the Children's Department to learn more about the library's current Anytime Activity, a craft, game, or project kids can do whenever they visit the library.



STEM CHALLENGE

2nd & 4th Saturdays • January 10 & 24, February 7 & 21, and March 7 & 21 • 2 p.m.
Explore force and motion in hands-on STEM Challenges for kids in grades 3, 4, and 5. Young scientists are introduced to physics through interesting and engaging experiments and demonstrations, like roller coasters, egg drops, and spaghetti towers. *REGISTER*

ENGINEERING IS FUN

2nd & 4th Mondays • January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23, and March 9 & 23 • 6 p.m.
Kindergarteners through 2nd graders discover engineering as they experiment with scientific concepts and STEM challenges based on children's literature, such as *Billy Goat's Bridge* and *Will Humpty Go Splat?*. *REGISTER*

MAD FOR SCIENCE

Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, & 25 • 10 a.m.

Bring your 4 to 6 year olds to explore basic concepts in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), and gather together for a fun, interactive learning experience. Class size limited. *REGISTER*



OOEY GOOEY ART & MORE

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, & 28 • 10 a.m.

Kids ages 3 to 6 get messy and artistic by playing and creating with shaving cream, snow, and sandpaper. *REGISTER*

DRAMA CLUB

2nd Thursdays • January 8, February 12, & March 12 • 6:30 p.m.

Kids in 5th through 8th grades enjoy quirky improvisation games, script reading, and other expressive activities. If you have a flare for drama, you won't want to miss this! *DROP IN*



2nd Wednesdays • January 14, February 11, and March 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Come to the library for the monthly hour-long Minecraft Club. Kids ages 7 to 14 are welcome to participate and use their team-building skills to complete minor to complex challenges. Beware of monsters and zombies! *DROP IN*

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, January 21 • 10 a.m.

Travel the world as Denise Leitch from Lingua Garden shares bilingual books and activities and teaches kids ages 3 to 5 about the many different cultures and holiday-related traditions celebrated around the world. *REGISTER*



SEW MUCH FUN

4th Thursdays • January 22, February 26, March 26 • 6:30 p.m.

In this hand sewing program for 6th through 8th graders, kids make small felt crafts and practice embroidery techniques. Materials provided. Space is limited. *REGISTER BY JANUARY 16 FOR ALL THREE SESSIONS*



HAPPY HEARTS DAY!

VALENTINE CRAFT

Sunday, February 8 • 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Stop by the Children's Department to decorate a bag perfect for collecting Valentine's cards. *DROP IN*

EDIBLE CAR CONTEST

Saturday, March 14

Choose your team wisely for this engineering challenge! From apples to zucchini, the choice is yours as you design a functioning car made entirely out of food. Categories include swiftest, most nutritious, silliest, most realistic, and more. Visit the Children's Department to enter and learn more details. *REGISTER*



DR. SEUSS DAY

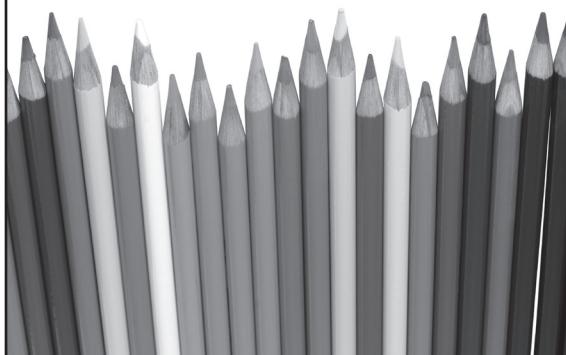
Monday, March 2
10 a.m.

Fondulac District Library celebrates Dr. Seuss Day with a special story time. East Peoria Police Department Chief Dick Ganschow dons the silly hat to be the special Seussical story reader. *DROP IN*

FANTASTIC ART

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, & 25 • 10 a.m.

Kids ages 3 to 6 can discover the world of art through fun activities with Chetna Funk. Class size is limited. *REGISTER*



BIRDING BASICS

Saturday, March 28 • 1 p.m.

Birding with kids is the perfect way to use your senses and learn more about the natural environment right here in East Peoria. What better time to learn about wildlife and bird migration than at the first sign of spring?

Kids ages 5 to 10 are invited to join environmental educator Susie Grana Ingram for a fun indoor program and activity to learn about the many native birds of central Illinois. *DROP IN*



BOOKMARK BONANZA

Monday, March 30 • 1-7 p.m.

Start spring break by dropping in and making one of a variety of bookmarks available for your creative touches. *DROP IN*

KIDS

TO BE CONTINUED...

3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

In this series book club, kids in 5th through 8th grade, explore and discuss tales so epic a single book cannot contain them! *DROP IN*

January 15

Gustav Gloom and the People Taker (Book 1) by Adam-Troy Castro

February 19

Gustav Gloom and the Nightmare Vault (Book 2) by Adam-Troy Castro

March 19

Gustav Gloom and the Four Terrors (Book 3) by Adam-Troy Castro

1KB4K: 1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Preschoolers read more than 26,000 books as part of the 1KB4K program in 2014!

1KB4K is a library initiative that promotes reading 1,000 books to preschoolers before they begin Kindergarten. It's easy to do, and the child gets a free book, funded by the Friends of Fondulac District Library, every time they read and report 100 books. For additional information or to register, visit the librarians in the Children's Department.



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AT THE LIBRARY DRIVE-THRU

DRIVE UP, PICK UP, DROP OFF, & GO!

Whether it's icy, the kids are asleep in the car, or you're just in a hurry, the library's convenient drive-thru service, located on the Richland Street side of the building, is for you!

Available during all regular library hours, use the drive-up window to pick up reserved items and pay fines. (Please pick up reserved equipment and pay for lost items inside.) We know that plans (and the weather) change! There is no need to indicate ahead of time whether you will pick up reserved items inside the library or at the window. Library staff have them ready and available for you to pickup at either location.

Need to return items, too? All library materials (except equipment) may be returned 24/7 in the drive-up book drop.



15 GOOD BOOKS

VALENTINE'S ROMANCE

*Curated by Barb Podbielski,
Reference Assistant*

The Bridge at Valentine
by Renée Thompson

Dreamweaver Trail
by Emily March

Once Upon a Winter's Heart
by Melody Carlson

Be My Texas Valentine
by Jodi Thomas

A Town Called Valentine
by Emma Cane

Stop by the library to check out these titles and many more!