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Rapid Romance

By [Michele Armand](#)

West Eugene Valentine's Day is fast approaching and some folks are looking for love through speed dating.

It's a growing trend in the dating scene and pairs singles with other singles in the hopes of making a match. Tuesday night, participants who signed up at cupid.com were able to have a new date every six minutes at My Coffee in West Eugene.



Carrie Stampe, an event coordinator says speed dating has become increasingly popular and has advantages over traditional dating. "They can meet someone, get a first impression and know whether or not they just want to be friends or go further and not have to go to a bar and have drinks," says Stampe.

Those involved say the short dates are perfect to find out whether or not they click with someone. "Grace," a first-time speed dater says, "I think that's the advantage of this format is that you only have 6 minutes and you don't have to sit and feel tortured for an hour and a half or two hours if it doesn't work out."

Many speed dating events are grouped by categories so you can sign up to meet people in the same age group or even religion.



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