

# Games aren't just for kids anymore

Most people have at least one board game sitting in the back of their closet that was probably only played once or twice. At All A-Board Games owner Derek Johnson can help remedy that. He can help you pick out a game that is suited for you and your family that you'll want to play again and again. There are many board games to choose from and some of those games have expansions so that when you have played the game several times and want to add a challenge you can! Many of the games in store aren't your usual games like Monopoly or Clue. There is a new breed—European games.

"European games have a couple distinctions from what we're used to in North America," explains Derek. "For one they tend not to use dice, they are strategic as opposed to random or luck-based games. The second thing they have is a definitive end, so you can actually plan your day around the timeline on a game."

In addition to board games, All A-Board Games sells video games and consoles; dice of all types, shapes and sizes, including dice that are made out of stone; Transformers (collectible toys from the '80s); Dungeons and Dragons books and miniatures; and Magic: The Gathering, a collectible trading card game, which is the biggest selling game in the store. "Magic: The Gathering is loosely based off the fantasy world. The aspects of it require you to take the cards that you own, create a deck out of it and then dual your opponent who has also created his own custom deck. People of all ages play Magic, from ten-year-old kids to adults of all generations—male and female."

All A-Board Games also specializes in special events, and tournaments. There are Magic tournaments every Monday, Wednesday and twice on Friday, D&D events on Wednesday and Saturday, Yu-Gi-Oh for the younger crowd on Friday and Saturday, various events on Sunday, and plenty of other special events throughout the week. Currently, on Wednesdays, people come in to play Werewolf, a party game for nine or more people. Anyone can stop by and participate. Derek continues, "We have open games that anyone can come in and play on any of our open tables. We have board game rentals, something that nobody else has; you can actually take it home and try it before you buy it. We also do birthday parties and special events of that nature. You can either take over a table for the time you want or you can rent out the whole store, all depending on



Sit down and try out a game at All A-Board Games. Pictured are owner Derek Johnson and employee Danny Erickson playing Magic at a Monday night tournament.

what fits your need and budget."

Derek is always making improvements to his store and one of the projects in development is the 'cave'. "The cave is a room that was developed for gamers—role-playing gamers specifically. It adds ambiance to the game that they are playing. Right now it's just in the first stage but it's set up with furniture and it's a nice cozy room where they can play. Once it's all done it's actually going to look like a cave. You're going to have to duck to enter into it, the walls are going to be done up to look like a cave, it's going to have special lighting, it's even going to have torches. And this all going to be set up so that anyone who wants to play in it, for whatever game they want to use it for, will be available to them."

So stop by All A-Board Games from 10am to 10pm Monday thru Saturday or 11am to 5:30pm Sunday and experience the socially interactive gaming environment that Derek has created. They are located at 334 Seymour Street or can be contacted by phone at 250-377-0745. *Erin Johnson*

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