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Gamestore review - Chicagoland Games - Uptown

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It has been a busy summer, but I've been able to get away and check out new gamestores for my [ongoing series of reviews](#). This month's gamestore review covers Chicagoland Games Dice Dojo, a relatively new store.



Chicagoland Games (<http://www.chicagolandgames.com>) is located in the Uptown/Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago, right where Ridge meets Bryn Mawr and Broadway. The store is owned by Alex Dunning, Jon Paul Nery and Jeremy Murphy. It has been in the Edgewater area since it's opening in October of 2008. They are open 7 days a week and their motto is "We don't close until the game is over!", which I have found to be true.

The store is relatively convenient for Chicagoland residents; you can get there via Lake Shore Drive or Broadway. It is also less than a block away from the Bryn Mawr CTA Red Line train station. Parking in front of the store is metered parking (\$1.00/hr) but there is residential parking less than a block away. Those of you who are familiar with Chicago city parking will not find this unusual, but suburban visitors should take note.

The storefront may fool you into thinking that this is a small location, but looks are deceiving as you'll find when you enter the store. The emphasis on open floor space and the lovely Chicago-esque interior architecture inside makes Chicagoland Games a very enjoyable store to visit. The first thought that went through my mind on entering was "elegant fun" and that stayed throughout my several visits. There are quite a few board games for sale, as well

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as smaller selections of the usual popular current releases of roleplaying games and miniatures games, with a very small variety of miniatures for sale. I was pleased to find more off-beat current titles. The staff were willing and able to place special orders.



The staff are knowledgeable and excited about playing games, as well as friendly and willing to talk about gaming. It was easy to ask them questions about various topics and have them answered.



The emphasis on Chicagoland Games is definitely "Play" as almost half of the store is devoted to table space for games. Chicagoland encourages gaming, with a cabinet of games for shoppers to just sit down and play. On all of my visits, I believe I could have easily started a "walk-in" game with no problems. The staff are extremely accommodating to setting up your game in a good location, even in the front area of the store, which I found to be interesting. Playing games sells games and this store seems to grasp that very well. The noise can get a bit loud at times, so if your game requires more quiet, the staff will work with you on finding a good time and place to play.

They also host several ongoing miniatures and roleplaying games and are very open to welcoming gamers of all types to come in. Every Wednesday is "Open Board Gaming", there is a regularly scheduled Historical Miniatures game and several regularly scheduled "mini games" and Warhammer miniatures games. Chicagoland Games has an active website and forum that you can get all the updated information on what's going on.

Overall, I came away from Chicagoland with quite a favorable impression. I am very partial to stores that carry both current and rare/OOP titles - hard for most stores to do - but I found that less of a problem with Chicagoland Games in light of how much they emphasize and accommodate playing games.

For my review, I rank Chicagoland Games as follows:

- **Overall impression of store:** 10 out of 10
- **Type and number of games available:** 8 out of 10
- **Support of gamers:** 10 out of 10
- **Customer service and knowledge:** 8 out of 10
- **Overall:** 9 out of 10

Go: If you live in the northern area of Chicago, you are looking for a good selection of board games, you want to see a lovely store interior-wise or you want to be involved in active gaming.

Don't Go: If you're looking for older/out-of-print or rarer titles or if driving into the city is inconvenient.

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