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Games of Cat & Mouse come from all around the world

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Finally, a cat and mouse game that lets everyone play.

The Cat & Mouse game store offers more than the opportunity to purchase unique items — it puts a world of play at the fingertips of people of all ages.

Offering unique strategy games for adults and quality board games for children is what Linda Schmidt, the owner of the store at 2212 W. Armitage, had in mind when researching the possibility of opening the shop.

“My husband and I loved playing games before we had our sons, but after we had them it became even more apparent that there was a need for better products,” she said.

When Schmidt talks games, the mother of two boys is not thinking Monopoly, Clue or even Scrabble, al-

though some of these games can be found in her shop. Instead, she has searched the globe for interesting games that challenge kids and adults alike. This is why she quit her job to follow her dream of opening a game store.

“I think I must have been crazy,” she said, “but it was something I wanted to do.”

Schmidt has imported games from around the world, ones that allow for more than just pushing a token around a board. Her finds include Japanese wooden puzzles and a construction set made from recycled paper from the Netherlands.

Schmidt does more than just find great games, she brings people together, as well. Cat & Mouse features family game nights and other special events to draw families and friends together. The store's regular game night is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Family game day is at 1 p.m. the first



Linda Schmidt offers games and puzzles from around the world for children and adults at her Cat & Mouse store.

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and third Saturday of each month.

Special events lined up include a Heroscape demonstration at 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, visit www.catandmousegamestore.com.