



It was early April 2018, and Graham Tedesco-Blair and Katherine Szewczuk returned to

a frequent topic of dinner conversation. "It's so frustrating that Newark doesn't have a bookstore." Having moved to the Village in 2015 to be closer to family after a 7-year stint in Texas, Graham and K loved the cozy small-town feel of Newark but missed their common pastime of spending hours hunting down their next read, exploring local authors, and connecting with area enthusiasts of music, games, and writing. "Well someone in town should really open a bookstore." And then the lightbulb clicked on. "Well... Why not us?"

With plenty of support from family, friends, and other independent booksellers in the area, Graham and K wasted no time in doing just that. Naming their shop after their beloved rescue dog's defining feature, White Paw Books & Curiosities opened on September first of 2018 in the sunny shop front of the South Main Emporium building at 604 S. Main Street. When designing the space, Graham and K wanted to create a place that they would want to hang out in, with plenty of chairs, a friendly atmosphere, and booksellers who provide that personal touch you just can't get with online retailers. Despite the challenge of navigating the Main Street construction project, White Paw is proud to be a part of Newark's revitalization and bring books and games back to Newark (and having their own parking lot out back helps plenty!)



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In addition to selling a variety of new and used books, they also sell audiobooks, ebooks, a rotating selection of antiques and handmade gifts including some unique ones for book lovers! Of special note is the shop's devotion to geek culture with an entire corner dedicated to science fiction and fantasy books, comic books, graphic novels, and related ephemera. Don't forget their growing collection of board games and card games both new and used, featuring old classics and indie new releases for every budget. Newark residents are encouraged to kick the Amazon habit and choose local, as an incredibly wide variety of brand new books, games, music, and movies can be special ordered at no extra cost and picked up right in Newark! Programs offered at the shop include monthly book clubs, a writing group for amateur and professional writers, a monthly jam session for local musicians, and weekend pop-up shops featuring local artists, crafters, and musicians. They also host monthly board game days to encourage families to bring back family game nights, host tournaments (and beginner instruction!) for the popular card game Magic: the Gathering. White Paw hopes you will visit at 604 S. Main St. and find your next great read, fun family game, or new hobby!

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