

May is going to be a good month for Collectible Card Games. Magic: the Gathering Shadowmoor releases May 2nd. The newest edition for the popular game brings in a lot of hybrid cards, cards that can use more than color to summon in. There are a lot of powerful cards being released this way, making this an extremely exciting release for any Magic player.

Yu-Gi-Oh, Light of Destruction is released on the 7th, bringing balance back to the realms that we saw darkness overtake just a few short months before. Players are eagerly awaiting the light force monsters coming into play with this release.

Games Workshop pulled out all stops and released an army for both Fantasy and 40K, the Daemons hit the shelves just before the beginning of the month and are supposed to be smoking hot. Each genre has the new looks for the basic armies plus a couple of era specific pieces to leave players drooling.

Pandemic is supposed to be returning to shelves early this month, the game follows the progress of a group of scientists to stop a rapidly mutating virus from infecting the entire planet.

And finally, Dungeons & Dragons 4th edition will be hitting shelves the first week of June. Grab your dice and character sheet and sit down to learn the new rules here in the store. Happy gaming.

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Omorelevel.com

Omorelevel.com is a great website for wasting your afternoon. The entire basis of the site is free to play games. It has a good variety of flash and java games that can be played right off the site.

Browse all the games at Omorelevel or search through the specific genre you prefer. There is also a random button to try out whatever game it There are over 650 different titles available to play now in most genres.

Many of the games are linked off other sites. Omorelevel tries to only link those games that credit their creators, many of them having links to their original website built right into the program itself.

Hop on and check it out next time you are online.

Please add us on MySpace at www.myspace.com/parallaxgames and on Facebook by searching for the "I spend my money and free time at Parallax Computers and Games" group. Upcoming events are posted as bulletins or notes!

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Thy Kingdom be Growing!

Hear ye! Hear ye! Thy honorable lord, namely you, would like to let people know he is the Supreme Lord of the lands. Can you make this proclamation? If you think you can, grab a copy of **Carcassonne**, sit down with your friends and prove it. **Carcassonne** is a fascinating tile laying game where players try to expand the kingdom.

In **Carcassonne** players take turns laying out tiles in an attempt to gain the most points. Tiles contain several different elements, fields, roads, cities, and cloisters. Tiles can only be placed against other tiles, not diagonally or away from the main game. They must also be placed so tile features adjoin each other, meaning city pieces can no be placed against fields and roads must connect to other roads.

After you place your tile you may place a meeple, the wooden playing pieces cut to look like people or more accurately gingerbread men, on it. Meeples take on the roles of farmers to tend the fields, knights to defend the cities, highwaymen that tax the roads, and clergymen that calm the souls.



Carcassonne comes with 72 Landscape tiles, 48 followers in six different colors, a score track and 6 tiles used to help keep track of scores. The main game takes about 30 to 45 minutes to play, requires 2 to 6 players, and is suggested for ages 8 and up. If the main game is not good enough for you, **Carcassonne** has several interesting expansions.



Traders and Builders introduces livestock, trade goods and builders. Livestock takes the form of small wooden pigs that can make fields more profitable. Builders are placed on roads or in cities, allowing you to take an extra tile. Trade goods are small images on city tiles that show a specific trade good, such as cloth or ale. **Traders and Builders** adds 24 new landscape tiles, 20 trade goods pieces and 6 of each of the pig and builder meeples. This expansion adds 15 to 20 minutes to the game.

Inns and Cathedrals adds coaching inns, which increases road points, and cathedrals which make huge cities and more points per city. A larger meeple is also included which is worth 2 meeples, making it easier to control an area. **Inns and Cathedrals** includes 18 new landscape tiles, 6 large meeples, and adds about 10 minutes to the game.

Princess and Dragon adds a Dragon that rampages the countryside, and a Princess that can either send knights away or bring knights into a city. **Princess and Dragon** adds around 10 minutes to the game.

The Tower brings in tower tiles and stackable pieces and offers a nice tower to store your tiles in. Towers are used to capture other peoples meeples, bringing a different take on the game. **The Tower** adds 18 landscape tiles, 30 stackable tower tiles and the tile storing tower.

Abbey and Mayor is the newest expansion. **Abbey and Mayor** adds 12 new landscape tiles, 6 abbey tiles, and 6 of each of the wooden mayors, barns, and wagons.

With so many options, its no wonder **Carcassonne** is such a great game.

Parallax Classifieds

<p>Director's Needed B-movie games looking for people to create dozens of interesting movies and destroy other film studios. Interested parties need to purchase Grave Robbers, Cannibal Pygmies or any other B-movie Card games.</p>	<p>EUZ wants VwB Evil undead zombies looking for victims with brains to try to survive a night of fun and danger. Zombies can be found hanging around games such as Zombies!!! 2nd Edition, Last Night on Earth or All Flesh Must be Eaten RPG.</p>	<p>Farkle Farkle, the dice game is accepting new players. Roll six dice and try to get as many matching dice as you can. Be careful, if you risk too much you just may end up pulling a Farkle and losing it all.</p>
<p>Party Poopers Wanted Party Poopers is looking for players to guess who amongst them are party poopers or party animals. Good sense of humor required. Ability to forgive and forget recommended.</p>	<p>Slackers Unite... Tomorrow Chez Geek needs slackers to sleep, party, play video games and eat pizza. If you feel you have the skills for this position get your copy of Chez Geek today.</p>	<p>Bodger Engineers Needed If you can overhaul a nuclear engine while it runs and add steam powered guns to a anti matter converter then the Infernal Contraption needs your support.</p>
<p>Acrobatic Hogs Apply Pass the pigs is looking for any pigs that can perform a variety of tricks including the Leaning Jowler.</p>	<p>Early Birds Starving Chickens everywhere are rolling dice with their breakfast in Pickomino. Try to come out with the most worms.</p>	<p>Guillotine Reinstated Headsmen around the world are rejoicing at Guillotine. Gain renown collecting famous heads.</p>

Know Your Fellow Gamers

Nathen Fish

Yu-Gi-Oh! Frogboy

Nathen is an 11 year old Yu-Gi-Oh! Master. He is in every Saturday as early as he can make it, challenging anybody he can to a friendly game. Nathen also likes to watch the wargames.

Games of Choice:

Yu-Gi-Oh!
Rockband
Magic:the Gathering
Warhammer 40k
Super Smash Brothers Brawl
Chez Geek
Munchkin



Gamers Wanted!

Parallax Computers and games is looking for qualified gamers to demonstrate games to each other. Anybody willing to play games is invited to stop in the store to apply. Only casual applicants will be taken seriously. Pay starts at fun and laughs with good times available to those who play well.

Bring in a group of friends and test out a demo game, purchase a game to try, or see what other people might have brought in to play. The evenings have been getting busier lately and there always seems to be somebody around ready to set up something.

Quelf is a great game for a group to play, it is a race to the center of the board while completing a variety of silly tasks to move forward. Apples to Apples can be a lot of laughs as players try their best to use the cards in their hand as comparisons to the judge's card.

Our Demo game rack carries over 80 titles to browse through, so come in and find your favorite.

Mini Wargames

Many people enjoy playing wargames such as Warhammer or Warmachine. Not everybody has the time, money or space to invest in these games and some manufacturers have realized this. A whole series of mini wargames have surfaced in the last few years.

Pocket model games such as Star Wars and Pirates have become popular. The playing pieces are credit card plastic cut to be popped out and assembled into ships and vehicles. Rulers are printed on the side of the cards, and each pack comes with a 5mm die.

Another fad is the board game wargame. Games like Tide of Iron and Battlelore supply all of the miniatures needed to play. Open up the board, set up your army, and in minutes you are ready to play.

Finally Games like Heroclix and Mechwarrior. These click games have all the special rules right on the miniatures. Just look at the color code for what you are trying to do and follow the rules on your quick sheet.

These games are all great alternatives to try to the mainstream wargames.

Tournaments!

Yu-Gi-Oh! And Magic:the Gathering are seeing regular sanctioning levels at the store. World of Warcraft the card game is starting to see more people as is spoils.

Mechwarrior and Heroclix are both running sanctioned tournament events with prize support packages, with players looking into D&D and Star Wars miniatures games hopefully headed that way soon.

Now we would like to expand into more board game tournaments. Head over to the website, www.parallaxgames.com, join the forums, and vote for your choice of games to set up a weekly, monthly, or even yearly tournament for.

The choices are Ticket to Ride, Quelf, Risk, Monopoly and any other game found on our shelves. Starting June 1st the website and store will announce a tournament of the month, to take place late in that month at the time most voted for.

May 2008: Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Heroclix	2 Shadowmoor Release Event	3 Yu-Gi-Oh! Dark Heresy
4 Wargames Battletech	5 Open Gaming	6 Magic	7 Mechwarrior	8 Heroclix	9 Eberron D&D WLD	10 Yu-Gi-Oh! Dark Heresy
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