



OPENING REPORT

6 New Chicago Restaurants To Try

A regularly updated list of new Chicago-area restaurants

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LINCOLN PARK— There's a new spot for drinking, eating, and.....reading. **Kibbitznest Books, Brews and Blarney** is now open, serving hot dogs, cheeses, alcohol, sweets, coffee, tea and snacks in a no-wi-fi bookstore environment. [Check out the full menu here.](#) **Status:** *Certified open, 2212 N. Clybourn Ave.*

WEST ROGERS PARK— South Loop stalwart **Nepal House** opened [its second location](#), giving Devon Avenue another standout South Asian option. Nepalese momo dumplings and North and South Indian fare is [on the menu.](#) **Status:** *Certified open, 2601 W. Devon Ave.*

EVANSTON— Eaters near Northwestern have a new Thai option in **NaKorn Kitchen**. It's currently serving an [abbreviated menu](#) that includes roasted duck breast slow-cooked in clear broth with shiitake mushrooms, coconut, confit daikon and cilantro; a whole branzino; and tapioca pearl crackers. Expect a larger menu when it hopefully grand opens in November, [the Tribune reports.](#) **Status:** *Certified open, 1622 Orrington Ave., Evanston.*

BRIDGEPORT— Southsiders also have a new Indian option in **Oberoi's Indian Food and Grocery**, [DNAinfo reports.](#) It's the brand's second location, serving North Indian standards including samosas and biryani. But unlike the original it also houses a grocery section, hence the name. **Status:** *Certified open, 255 W. 31st St.*

GENEVA— The folks behind popular suburban spot The Finery & Blacksmith Bar opened a new "globally-influenced gastropub" named **The Grandstander**. It has a large beer menu, cocktails, upscale bar food, and plenty of TVs. **Status:** *Certified open, 507 S. Third St., Geneva.*



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