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Former Merchandise Mart Planners Provide Event and Gift Services

Stephanie Hilnak and Myca Smith, two former event planners for the [Merchandise Mart](#), opened [Event Studio](#) on May 30. The Wicker Park boutique sells a variety of greeting cards, decorative products, and office-appropriate gifts, including books, desk accessories, candles, and soaps. Hilnak and Smith also can provide special-order corporate gift services, sourcing items such as engraved business-card holders or customized mugs. In addition to functioning as a store, the space is also an event planning studio where the owners offer consultations on matters such as venue selection and vendor proposals; the space can also be used to host corporate receptions for as many as 50 guests.

—*Jenny Berg*



The new shop hosts private events.

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