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Quick 6: Stores selling great beer in Broward and Palm Beach

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The news from the Brewers Association was big.

During the first half of this year, sales of craft beer hit an all-time high.

The 1,428-member trade group of small, independent or traditional brewers also reported that their sales were up 11 percent, compared to just 1 percent for other beers.

It's a trend that local beer store owners have watched firsthand.

With football season in full swing and Oktoberfest festivities having renewed our beer interests, we found six South Florida stores that pride themselves on their beer selection. All six are independently owned and will get you started on your beer journey. Cheers to wherever it takes you.



L & L Market Bistro

11338 Miramar Parkway, Miramar; 954-437-0071, landlmarketbistro.com

Hours: 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

The store: It's a 2,400-square-foot market where you buy prepared food to eat in or take out. But what goes better with Mongolian pork chops or a Cuban sandwich made with

fresh pork baked in-house than a cold beer? There are more than 100 beers from Belgian ales to American microbrews. Co-owner Henry Rosende sells most of it in single bottles, so you take home a sample pack.

Tastings: The monthly wine tastings always include a beer sample. If German wine is being poured, German beer also will be offered. Check the Web site or store for schedules.

House favorites: Shipyard Old Thumper extra special ale and Rogue Dead Guy Ale.

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