

Intercultural Library LivrEchange in Fribourg

Conversations-Workshops

Since 2010 *LivrÉchange* has been organizing conversation workshops to practice the local languages of French and German. The workshops offer the opportunity to practice and expand one's vocabulary in these languages. They are designed to increase the confidence of the participants in their ability to speak, and thus to participate more easily in the social life of their environment.

Two workshops are offered at different levels in French. The "*Bonjour, ça va*" workshop is for beginners, while the "*Papoter*" workshop, as its name implies, is for those who want to converse others and improve their French.

There is also a workshop called "*Plauderstunde Deutsch*" for those who want to learn or improve their German. In this case, people from different linguistic levels participate, as there are fewer interested parties than for the French workshops.

The special feature of these workshops, compared to other offers, is that participation is free and there is no obligation to enrol or to attend regularly.

The workshops are run by volunteers who are often former teachers or adult educators.

The workshops enable participants from different cultures to socialize, discuss various topics and obtain information about the political and social system of Switzerland.

The offer is supplemented by electronic language learning programmes for German and French in the native language of the users. The programmes are installed on computers in the library and are available free of charge.

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More information on the website *LivrÉchange*:
<https://www.livrechange.ch> > Activités hebdomadaires





