

## Intercultural Library LivrEchange in Fribourg

### Encore ! Des histoires ! – More Stories !

Since 2013, the library has been organizing the open-air programme *More stories!* that runs four times a week between April and October. The programme takes place in three districts of the region of Freiburg (Schönberg, Villars-Vert and Villars-sur-Glâne) and in Marly.

The event aims to awaken the joy of stories in children and allows them to borrow books in their native language without having to go to the library. Each week 480 books in 27 languages are offered in a central square in the district.

During the programme children are told stories and they can also tell their own stories, sing, dance and perform plays. They can also make things connected to the stories under the guidance of the supervisors and storytellers.

The storytellers always have an immigrant background, for example Portuguese, Albanian, Turkish, Arabic, Tigrinya or Somali. They introduce their own language and culture in addition to French or German. They live in the districts in which the events take place and have become figures in the community over the years; people often turn to them for advice outside of the organized events.

The programme has been a great success with the children, whose eyes shine when they see the storytellers arrive.

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



