The two cities Mulhouse and Freiburg are both near the border. The public libraries cooperate since 1991. The partnership is an active symbol of French-German friendship and reconciliation. People of both countries get a better chance for exchange and dialogue.

The two libraries exchange their mobile libraries regularly. Citizens in Mulhouse can borrow German media and vice versa. The service finds a good reception because there are many bilingual people interested in the language and culture of their neighbours.

During major festivals in the cities the libraries are invited to participate actively like reading festivals or jubilees. Also the library staff interacts and learns from each other.