



KOSMOS BUCHSALON

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At the heart of a cultural center in Zurich lies a bookstore where customers come to drink in their books as they browse the coffee and savor the wine

The Kosmos cultural center is a somewhat singular little pocket of Zurich that has emerged in recent years between the rather sterile Europaallee and the city's former red-light district along Langstrasse. Its star attractions include an art-house cinema, a French bistro, and the popular Buchsalon. "We're at the heart of the Kosmos cultural center, where various different spaces and programs seep into and enhance one another," explains the all-women team behind the Kosmos Buchsalon. "Our bookstore is all about gauging the zeitgeist. It sells books that have

something substantial, unprecedented, or amusing to say or reveal about our times." Offering a literary break from the day-to-day grind, the Buchsalon hosts art evenings, book launches, and workshops that take an in-depth look at the titles in question. Keen readers enjoy leafing through books over coffee or wine in one of the inviting corners of the salon. And every three months, a new literary puzzle is displayed in the store window. This bookstore is both cosmopolitan and out of this world, or, as the singer Jamiroquai would put it, "She's cosmic!"



TOP The Kosmos culture hub houses an art-house cinema, a French bistro, and a much-loved book salon.

OPPOSITE The range focuses on contemporary literature and the latest publications on sometimes-uncomfortable topics.