Set in Sydney, Paris and Sri Lanka, *The Life to Come* is a mesmerising novel about the stories we tell and don't tell ourselves as individuals, as societies and as nations. It feels at once firmly classic and exhilaratingly contemporary.

Pippa is a writer who longs for success. Celeste tries to convince herself that her feelings for her married lover are reciprocated. Ash makes strategic use of his childhood in Sri Lanka but blots out the memory of a tragedy from that time. Driven by riveting stories and unforgettable characters, here is a dazzling meditation on intimacy, loneliness and our flawed perception of other people.

Profoundly moving as well as wickedly funny, *The Life to Come* reveals how the shadows cast by both the past and the future can transform, distort and undo the present. This extraordinary novel by Miles Franklin-winning author Michelle de Kretser will strike to your soul.

About the author
Michelle de Kretser was born in Sri Lanka and emigrated to Australia when she was 14. Educated in Melbourne and Paris, Michelle has worked as a university tutor, an editor and a book reviewer. She is the author of *The Rose Grower*, *The Hamilton Case*, which won the Commonwealth Prize (SE Asia and Pacific region) and the UK Encore Prize, and *The Lost Dog*, which was widely praised by writers such as AS Byatt, Hilary Mantel and William Boyd and won a swag of awards, including: the 2008 NSW Premier's Book of the Year Award and the Christina Stead Prize for Fiction, and the 2008 ALS Gold Medal. *The Lost Dog* was also shortlisted for the Vance Palmer Prize for Fiction, the Western Australian Premier's Australia-Asia Literary Award, the Commonwealth Writers' Prize (Asia-Pacific Region) and Orange Prize's Shadow Youth Panel. It was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Orange Prize for Fiction. Her last novel, *Questions of Travel*, received 14 honours, including winning the 2013 Miles Franklin Literary Award. (bio from allenandunwin.com)
Flashback Photo

This photo of the front counter was taken in 2001, before the library's biggest renovation took place in 2007.
Notice the older style computers, furniture and the smaller front counter.
The current front counter is now double in size and has more computers to allow library staff to provide more efficient service to our library patrons.

Colouring Club for Adults @ the Library

Come and relax at the Inverell Library with some colouring in. Colouring is helpful for combating stress, getting your creative juices flowing, and building some great friendships.
The Colouring Club for Adults meet on the last Thursday of the month at 10:30am for around 1.5-2 hours. Free to join in. Morning tea is also provided.

Dates for 2018 are as follows:
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The black widower by Michael Fleeman

Coming off a failed marriage, a beautiful woman named Toni joined an online dating site, hoping to find true and lasting love. Harold Henthorn seemed like her dream come true - a handsome man who said he had “a heart for others.” Only weeks after meeting, they were wed. But Toni’s family began noticing Harold’s dark side - especially his controlling nature, which Toni didn’t seem to mind. Until she met her end at the bottom of a ravine.

Harold’s tearful story of his wife’s hiking “accident” just didn’t hold up with Toni’s family, or the police. Then a shocking truth was uncovered. Twenty years before, Harold’s first wife had also died suspiciously in a remote area with no witnesses. Soon, more questions arose. Who was Harold Henthorn? A devoted, grief-stricken husband, or a cold, calculating killer? Could authorities find a way to connect his wives’ deaths and expose the truth?

Killer nurse by John Foxjohn

For months, the DaVita Dialysis Center in Lufkin, Texas, had been baffled by the rising number of deaths and injuries occurring in their clinic. In April alone, they had rushed thirty-four patients to the hospital. But no one expected such a horrific cause to be behind it all.

Kimberly Clark Sanchez was a well-liked licensed vocational nurse at the center. The East Texas nurse was a mother of two, and known for her smiles and the stories she told to help patients to pass the time. But on April 28, 2008, witnesses came forward to say that instead of life-saving medicine, they had seen Saenz adding toxic bleach to IV ports. Turns out, it wasn’t the first time. Once caught, the shocking story of Saenz’ murderous practices began to unravel.
Love me or I’ll kill you by Lee Butcher

Angel-faced Paula Guitierrez was 15 when she met 14 year old Nestor (Chino) De Jesus on a subway platform in New York City. Almost immediately they began a torrid affair fueled by sex and marijuana. But while Chino charmed Paula's parents, behind closed doors he was a sadistic control freak who forced Paula into submission and beat her when she tried to escape.

Moving to Tampa, Florida, the couple found themselves penniless and hungry with a two-year-old daughter to feed. The only thing going for them was a semiautomatic Mac 11 pistol and a reckless plan. On the morning of July 6, 2001, the sordid saga of Paula and Chino finally reached its inevitably violent end.

Hats and bandannas over their faces, the desperate duo rushed into a bank with their guns raised and walked out with $10,000. Believing they had made a clean getaway, within the hour they found themselves in a tense standoff with two SWAT teams - one cop dead in the street. The only way out was suicide. Pointing the guns at themselves, Chino began counting to three, but only one would die.

The stranger she loved by Shanna Hogan

In 2007, Martin MacNeil - a doctor, lawyer, and Mormon bishop - discovered his wife of thirty years dead in the bathtub of their home in Pleasant Grove, Utah, her face bearing the scars of a face-lift he had persuaded her to have the week before. At first sight, the death of fifty-year-old Michele MacNeil, a former model and mother of eight, appeared natural. But days after the funeral, when Dr. MacNeil moved his much younger mistress into the family home, his children grew suspicious.

Soon the MacNeil daughters conducted their own investigation into their mother's death - only to uncover their father's multiple marital affairs, past criminal record, and falsified college transcripts he's used to con his way into medical school. It would take six long years to solve the mystery of Michele MacNeil's death and secure a first degree murder conviction. This is the shocking story about how one family unmasked a monster in their very own home and lived to tell.
Geraldine Brooks

Australian-born Geraldine Brooks is an author and journalist who grew up in the Western suburbs of Sydney, attending Bethlehem College Ashfield and the University of Sydney. She worked as a reporter for The Sydney Morning Herald for three years as a feature writer with a special interest in environmental issues.

In 1982 she won the Greg Shackleton Australian News Correspondents scholarship to the journalism master's program at Columbia University in New York City. Later she worked for The Wall Street Journal, where she covered crises in the Middle East, Africa, and the Balkans. In 1990, with her husband Tony Horwitz, she won the Overseas Press Club Award for best coverage of the Gulf War. The following year they received a citation for excellence for their series, “War and Peace.” In 2006 she was a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University.

She was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 2006 for her novel “March”. Her novels, “Caleb’s Crossing” and “People of the Book”, were New York Times best sellers. Her first novel, “Year of Wonders” is an international bestseller, translated into more than 25 languages and currently optioned for a major motion picture starring Andrew Lincoln. She is also the author of the nonfiction works “Nine Parts of Desire”, “Foreign Correspondence” and “The Idea of Home”.

Brooks married fellow journalist and author Tony Horwitz in Tourette-sur-Loup, France, in 1984. They have two sons—Nathaniel and Bizuayehu—two dogs, three alpacas and a mare named Valentine. They live by an old mill pond on Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts and spend as much time as possible in Australia.

Biography and image from geraldinebrooks.com

The library has the following books by Geraldine Brooks available for loan:
People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

2008 Literary Fiction Winner Australian Book Industry Awards

Based on the true story of the Sarajevo Haggadah, a Hebrew codex that was saved or rescued on at least three separate occasions throughout its history, Geraldine Brooks takes the reader on a centuries long journey in her novel *People of the Book*.

The reader is introduced to the Jewish prayer book through Hannah Heath, an expert book conservator from Sydney, who has been entrusted with the task of restoring the precious manuscript. It is her discoveries during this first examination of the book that allow the story to take shape. Hannah uncovers clues during this restorative process and Brooks takes the reader on a journey through timelines as she explores these clues and how they came to be captured within the parchments and bindings of the Haggadah.

The real Sarajevo Haggadah was saved from being burnt during the pope’s Inquisition by the hand of a priest by the name of Vistorini. It was later smuggled out of a museum in front of a Nazi General and hidden in a mosque in the mountains by an Islamic scholar and rescued by a Muslim librarian in 1992. Within its magnificent illuminations there is indeed a saffron-robed black-skinned woman at the sedar table and Brooks herself witnessed the real restorative work carried out on the Sarajevo Haggadah under heavy guard at the European Union Bank. Even though the characters in the book are all imaginary the plot itself has some significant factual and historical grounding.

Brooks presents the reader with quite the mystery that has many different levels. Hannah herself discovers a family history that she is unaware of, one that ties her to the heritage of the Haggadah. There is sex, violence, religion, family dynamics, betrayal, loss, compassion, empathy, heroism, love and hope with the pages of this novel. I must admit it is not an altogether easy read as you jump from one timeline to another but if you can persist you will not only come away with a better appreciation of different cultures and religions and events from history but you will enjoy the story that unfolds.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys an historical context or a journey through different lands and cultures.

Leanne

Children Services Officer

Leanne facilitates all library services aimed for children and young adults. Services include Baby Bounce, Storytime, School Holiday activities, Pre-school visits, Little Gems Reading Club challenge, Summer Reading Club, Book Week and more.

Feel free to chat with Leanne about any of these services that might suit you.
Have Some Colouring Fun!
Hard
Invites You To
BABY BOUNCE
Wednesdays
10.30am - 11.00am
For children from birth to 18 months and their carers.
A fun-filled session for you and bub, including books, songs and bouncing rhymes.

STORYTIME
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
11.15am - 12.15pm
For children from 2 years old to 5 years old.
Another fun-filled session for the older children, including stories and a simple craft.
(Please note: Thursday & Friday are a repeat of the Wednesday session)
**NEW KIDS BOOKS**

*And the Robot went...* by Michelle Robinson  
*(Easy picture book)*

A big box arrives. Is there really a Robot inside?  
No, just a pile of parts - dials and cogs and switches and springs.  
But the Nosy Fox, the Eager Beaver, the Blue Gnu, and their whole crew know what to do.  
Click!  
Tippa-tappa!  
Zap!  
Surprise!

*His name was Walter* by Emily Rodda  
*(Junior Fiction)*

Once upon a time, in a dark city far away, there lived a boy called Walter, who had nothing but his name to call his own.  
A handwritten book, with its strangely vivid illustrations, has been hidden in the old house for a long, long time. Tonight, four students and their teacher will find it. Tonight, at last, the haunting story of Walter and the mysterious girl called Sparrow will be read - right to the very end.

*Chenxi and the foreigner* by Sally Rippin  
*(Young Adult)*

Anna is in limbo. Her life in Melbourne hasn’t prepared her for living in Shanghai. She is eager to learn Chinese painting but can’t cope with being a foreigner or with the chaos and heat of the city.  
Then she meets Chenxi, a mysterious young artist. Anna is convinced she and Chenxi are destined to be together. She can’t think about anything else. But Chenxi has secrets that Anna can scarcely comprehend.
Lynda Dyer was one of 58 people from around the world filmed for *The Secret* because she applies her material to her life and cured herself of the debilitating disease of Lupus. She is a Certified Professional Trainer of NLP and a Master Trainer of Matrix Therapies. She is an International Speaker, transformational Coach, Cast Member of the TV show “Living Consciously” and International Best Selling and Award Winning Author of 9 books including ‘Age is an Attitude’, ‘You Can Make it Happen Now’, ‘Healing Your Immune System’ and ‘Create Confident Kids’. Lynda is currently writing her 10th book. She has assisted the earthquake victims in China by translating 5000, copies of her book ‘Good Grief’ and delivering them personally. She sponsors a village in Uganda, Africa and is presently assisting orphans in Vietnam.

She doesn't just live with the motto that ‘You Can Make it Happen NOW’, she is writing, training, coaching and living her material every day.

*Age is an Attitude workshop*

Lynda will be at the Inverell Library for a book talk and workshop based on her book “Age is an Attitude”

Saturday 8th September
10am-11am

Bookings Required
Ph: 67288134
Author Talk @ the Library

Noel Braun “I Guess I’ll Just Keep On walking”

Noel Braun embarked on a spiritual quest of self-discovery after the suicide of his wife Maris. He decided to walk two of the more popular routes of the Camino de Santiago, which is described in his earlier book: “The Day Was Made for Walking”.

Two more Camino journeys followed, but different routes were taken. Woven into his spiritual and emotional journey are fascinating stories of the people he meets. His most recent book: “I Guess I’ll Just Keep on Walking” is a sequel to his earlier book where the spiritual and physical merge with the ancient and the modern. Noel undertook these pilgrimages in his late 70’s and early 80’s.

Last year at the age of 84, he embarked on a fifth journey, the subject perhaps of a future book.

Noel will be at the Inverell Library to discuss his books, what his life has been like since the death of his beloved wife, and to share his experiences walking the tracks of the Camino de Santiago.

Wednesday 19th September

2:30pm

Refreshments will be available

Bookings preferred
Ph: 67288134

This is a free event
The Inverell Library has a collection of ebooks and e-audio books that can be downloaded to your computer, tablet, phone or other mobile device. All digital services are free to library members. When accessing these new services, please note that the first character of your library card number is a Capital Letter "I" for Inverell, and not the number one.

**For Ebooks try:**

**E-Audio Books try:**

**E-Magazines try:**
Inverell Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) are members of the community who recognise the importance of the library and wish to support its operations.

Membership is open to any over 18 years old.

The role of FOL

- Promote library services.
- Develop community support for the library.
- Make presentations on behalf of the library to Government bodies.
- Access non-government funding sources.
- Provide practical assistance with major library events and projects.

Past success include

- Provided bookcase display for Local History books.
- Arranged cultural events including author visits, poetry nights and film screenings
- Donated generous amounts of money towards library stock since inception
- Enrich the cultural life of the community
- Provide ongoing magazine subscriptions of popular titles.

The FOL meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Meetings are a great opportunity for the FOL to plan events, determine how they assist in library projects and receive a report on library news from the Manager, Library Services. Meetings are open to all who are interested.

Are you temporarily or permanently housebound?

Every 3 weeks, library staff are able to deliver items of your choice to you.

We have a wide range of selections ranging from books, music, DVD’s, magazines, large print, talking books, mysteries, romance, westerns and more.

You might read very quickly and in large numbers, or perhaps you would just like a book or two handy for a bit of leisure reading. Maybe you would like to listen to some music or watch a DVD.

Please Note: We can only provide Home Library Service to genuinely housebound people living within Inverell’s town limits. We are unable to deliver out of town.

If this service would be helpful for yourself or someone you know, please contact the library on (02) 67288139.
Getting the most from the Library Catalogue

Renewing things on the Catalogue

- Go to www.inverell.nsw.gov.au
- Click on Public Library then click on Library Catalogue
- Click on the Your Details tab
- Enter your Borrower Number (remember the first letter of your Borrower Number is a capital “I” for Inverell) and your PIN
- Click on the Current Loans tab
- Your current loans will display. If the item is eligible for renewal, a Renew link will appear on the right-hand side of the item details. Click the link.
- You will get a message on screen when your renewal has been processed.
- You cannot renew items if: the items are overdue, the items are reserved, they have already been renewed twice before or if you have outstanding fines on your card.