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Quick Facts

- Kim Wright is the guest speaker at the 6 p.m. dinner meeting Oct. 6 of the Friends of Dacus Library in Tuttle Dining Room, McBryde Hall.
- The Friends of Dacus meeting is free to members and open to non-members for \$18 per ticket.



ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Best-selling author Kim Wright will speak on "Second Chances: How Characters (and Readers) Can Reinvent Themselves at Midlife" on Oct. 6 at Winthrop University.

This is a topic the author is familiar with after she re-invented herself due to the collapse of her marriage. She stated in a 2012 interview that her "own story kept bleeding into" her best-seller "Love in Mid Air" (2010).

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Wright's novel, "Love in Mid Air," prompted People Magazine to declare it as "astute and engrossing" while Publisher's Weekly claimed she "hit it out of the park."

Her latest novel, "The Unexpected Waltz," published by Gallery Books, a division of Simon and Schuster, debuted as Publisher's Weekly "pick of the week." It is a study of midlife reinvention in which a young widow copes with her grief and disorientation by learning how to ballroom dance. The Charlotte Observer called the book "layered, surprising, and deeply moving."

Her next novel, "Take Me There," to be published in 2015, is a modern-day Canterbury Tales as a group of women hike the ancient trail from London to Canterbury Cathedral, swapping stories as they walk, each seeking to answer the question "What is love?"

In addition to her literary novels, Wright is the author of a historical mystery series called "City of Mystery," which explores the founding of the Scotland Yard forensics unit in the wake of the Jack the Ripper killings. Her fifth installment in the series, "City of Stone," is due this winter. She has also published a guide for aspiring writers entitled "Your Path to Publication" and for 26 years has annually updated her best-selling travel guide "Walt Disney World With Kids."

Wright lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, where her hobbies include spoiling her grandchild and competitive ballroom dancing.

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