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## Quick Facts

- Kean will talk about his three bestsellers in his speech entitled "Brains, Genes, Spoons: The Stories of Science."
- The event begins at 6 p.m. in the Tuttle Dining Room, McBryde Hall, and includes dinner.



*Sam Kean*

ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Bestselling popular science author [Sam Kean](#) of Washington, D.C., is scheduled as keynote speaker at the annual [Friends of Dacus Library](#) meeting Oct. 5 at Winthrop University.

He will talk about his three bestsellers in his speech entitled "**Brains, Genes, Spoons: The Stories of Science.**" The event begins at 6 p.m. in the Tuttle Dining Room, [McBryde Hall](#), and includes dinner.

Kean, whose wild, funny, spooky stories about science have captivated audiences across the world, is author of "The Disappearing Spoon" (2010), a romp through the periodic table; "The Violinist's Thumb" (2012), an omnibus of all the stories buried in human DNA; and "The Tale of the Dueling Neurosurgeons" (2014), an exploration of all the bizarre ways the human brain can go haywire. In addition to his books, Kean writes for several national publications, including New York Times Magazine and Psychology Today. He has been featured on NPR's "Fresh Air" and "Radiolab."

Kean's books have earned positive reviews from the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Library Journal and numerous other publications. Rachel Ehrenberg, writing in Science News, described his first book as "quirky, thoughtful and thorough... From the Big Bang to ancient Greece to Nazi Germany and Gandhi's India, Kean highlights the prominent roles of various chemical elements throughout history."

**Winthrop Library Dean Mark Y. Herring** said that Kean struck him as the perfect speaker for the Friends event this year as higher education is emphasizing science and STEM-related materials and events. "Mr. Kean is a great popularizer of science," Herring noted. "After reading his very engaging and impressive books, I later discovered that he trained originally as a librarian. That pretty much cinched it!"

Tickets for the **Friends of the Library event** are \$25 for non-members. Membership in the Friends organization starts at \$50. For further information or tickets, contact **Ronnie W. Faulkner** at [faulknerr@winthrop.edu](mailto:faulknerr@winthrop.edu) or at 803/323-2262.

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