



# The City Thinks 2009 Event Schedule

## Education, Poverty and a Call to Action



| Date/Time  | Event   | Location<br>(all events take place in Springfield unless otherwise noted)                                  |
|--|---|--|
| 10/4, 2 p.m.                                     | Host of <i>Hardball</i> Chris Matthews speaking on urban education  | Basketball Hall of Fame<br>1000 W. Columbus Ave.   |
| 10/5, 7 p.m.                                     | Documentary Screening/ Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>   | AIC, Amaron Hall, 1000 State St.   |
| 10/7, 7 p.m.                                     | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i> hosted by Springfield School Volunteers  | Bing Arts Center – 716 Sumner Avenue   |
| 10/8, 6-8 p.m.                                   | Kids Mural Project, “Only I Know What I Have the Ability to Become” with 10000 Cranes Studios, ages 6-18  | Brightwood Branch Library<br>359 Plainfield St.  |
| * 10/8, 7-8:30 p.m.                              | Public Discussion: “Closing the Achievement Gap: Can Schools Do It Alone?”  | Smith College<br>Seelye Hall Room 110<br>Elm St., Northampton  |
| 10/13, 12-1 p.m.                                 | Book Discussion: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>   | Central Library<br>220 State St.   |
| * 10/15<br>6:15 p.m. reception<br>7 p.m. lecture | City Thinks Kick-off lecture and reception with <i>New York Times</i> reporter, urban education expert and author of <i>Whatever It Takes</i> Paul Tough  | American International College,<br>Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center,<br>Griswold Theater, 1000 State St. |
| 10/16, 12-1 p.m.                                 | Cooking demonstration: African American Cuisine   | * Pahnusa Museum, Tower Square,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, 1500 Main St.                                    |
| 10/16, 6 p.m.                                    | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Martin Luther King Jr. Charter<br>School of Excellence, 694 State St.                                      |
| 10/17, 2 p.m.                                    | Open Mic Poetry   | Central Library<br>220 State St.   |
| 10/18, 1 p.m.                                    | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Central Library<br>220 State St.   |
| 10/19, 10 a.m.                                   | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Elms College, Alumnae Library<br>Theater, 291 Springfield St.,<br>Chicopee                                 |
| 10/19, 7 p.m.                                    | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Elms College, Alumnae Library<br>Theater, 291 Springfield St.,<br>Chicopee                                 |
| 10/20, 12 noon                                   | World Affairs Council Lecture: Ms. Charlotte S. Hunter, Founder, Pocketful of Joy “Education, Health & Hope in Tanzania” Admission charged (free for students without lunch). Call 413-733-0110 for prices, information and to make reservations. | One Financial Plaza<br>1350 Main St.<br>Community Room   |
| 10/20, 6 p.m.                                    | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>   | Liberty Branch Library<br>773 Liberty St.  |
| 10/20, 7:30 p.m.                                 | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>   | Western New England College<br>1215 Wilbraham Rd.  |
| 10/20, 7 p.m.                                    | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Sinai Temple<br>1100 Dickinson Street,   |
| 10/21, 4:30 p.m.                                 | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>   | Pine Point Library<br>204 Boston Road  |
| 10/21, 7 p.m.                                    | Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>  | Martin Luther King Jr. Community<br>Center/Youth Center, 106<br>Wilbraham Road, Springfield                |
| 10/21, 7 p.m.                                    | Intercollegiate Poetry Slam   | AIC, West Wing Gallery, Karen<br>Sprague Cultural Arts Center 1000<br>State St.                            |
| 10/22, 6-8 p.m.                                  | Kids mural Project, “Only I Know What I Have the Ability to Become” with 10000 Cranes Studios, ages 6-18  | Brightwood Branch Library, 359<br>Plainfield St.   |
| *10/22, 7:30 p.m.                                | Educator panel discussion. Urban Education: Challenges and Strategies in Our Region and around the Nation   | MacDuffie School Auditorium, 1<br>Ames Hill Dr.  |
| 10/24, 1-4 p.m.                                  | “Bug House” chess competition for adults and youth. All levels welcome.   | Central Library<br>220 State St.   |
| Oct 24, 12-2 p.m.                                | Children’s Film & Arts Workshop<br>Art Workshop- Children design their own Adinkra Unity Symbol t-shirts. (Children should bring white t-shirts). Film and discussion- <i>Akeallah &amp; the Bee</i> , (rated PG)                                 | *Pahnusa Museum, Tower Square,<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, 1500 Main St.                                     |
| 10/25, 1-4 p.m.                                  | Kids Mural Project, “Only I Know What I Have the Ability to Become” with 10000 Cranes Studios, ages 6-18  | Central Library<br>220 State St.   |

**\*Please note: Pahnusa Museum is the Pan African Historical Museum USA**  
Springfield Public Forum – P.O. Box 5374 – Springfield, MA 01101- 413.732.2020



## *The City Thinks 2009 Event Schedule* Education, Poverty and a Call to Action



### Page 2

|   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 10/27, 6 – 7:30 p.m.                                      | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>                                    | Olive Tree Books-n-Voices<br>97 Hancock Street  |
| 10/28, 7 p.m.   | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>                                    | AIC, West Wing Gallery, Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center 1000 State St.   |
| 10/28, 6 p.m.   | Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>                                    | East Forest Park Library<br>122 Island Pond Road  |
| 10/29, 6 p.m.   | Teatro Vida: Open Studio: Yes, You Are Creative! Readings and participatory workshop events with Teatro Vida ensemble members            | Brightwood Branch Library, 359 Plainfield St.   |
| 10/31, 9:30-11:30 a.m.                                    | Poetry Workshop  | Central Library<br>220 State St.  |
| 11/1<br>10:30 a.m. brunch (\$6)<br>12:00 p.m. performance | Over the Top Ballroom Performance/Lessons: Join ballroom dance students from local schools and learn how to cha-cha, tango and meringue! | Bay Path College Dining Commons<br>588 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow   |
| *11/4, 7:30 p.m.  | Lecture with Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO of Harlem Children Zone  | Symphony Hall<br>34 Court St.   |
| 11/9 7 p.m.   | City Thinks Wrap Up Discussion: Where do we go from here?  | Central Library<br>220 State St.  |
| * 11/12, 5:30 p.m.  | Urban Education Study Group Seminar  | Urban Education Study Group Seminar   |
| 11/19, 6 p.m.   | Springfield Children's Zone Working Group Update: A Report from Harlem   | YMCA, 275 Chestnut St.  |
| ONGOING   | Community/Educator Study Group   | For details, readings, schedule, see <a href="http://www.springfieldpublicforum.com">www.springfieldpublicforum.com</a> |
| ONGOING   | Youth Art and Essay contest: details at <a href="http://www.springfieldpublicforum.org">www.springfieldpublicforum.org</a>               | Submission date: October 23, 2009   |
| ONGOING   | Children's art activities, Springfield City Library  | Various locations   |

**Please note: Pahnusa Museum is the Pan African Historical Museum USA**

### *The City Thinks 2009 Urban Education Study Group*

**Join the City Thinks Study Group! Work together with community members, educators, business leaders and others to analyze the interrelated topics of urban education and poverty through readings, events, and a closing seminar led by Smith College Professors Sam Intrator and Don Seigel. In order to participate:**

- **Notify Executive Director, Patricia Canavan, at [canavan\\_patricia@yahoo.com](mailto:canavan_patricia@yahoo.com) of your intent to participate in the study group in order to receive the reading packet. Please include your name, address, telephone and email.**
- **In addition to the reading packet, please read “Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America” by Paul Tough. It’s available at the Springfield Public Library or at the Odyssey Bookshop.**
- **Complete the assigned reading prior to the start of City Thinks.**
- **Plan to attend a book discussion, movie screening and at least 2 of the starred City Thinks activities as well as the final study group seminar on 11/12 with Smith College Professors Sam Intrator and Don Seigel.**