

☆ The City Thinks ☆

Education, Poverty and a Call to Action

Become inspired! The 2009 City Thinks: Education, Poverty and a Call to Action offers a fantastic opportunity to explore the topics of urban education and poverty while celebrating the culture of the city. Programming includes book and issue discussion groups, documentary screenings, cultural and children's activities, and is open to all in our community. Highlights include:

- Book Discussion Groups: "Whatever It Takes"
- Documentary Screenings and Discussion: "Hard Times at Douglass High"
- Kick-off lecture with author of *Whatever It Takes*, Paul Tough, 10/15
- Urban Education Panel Discussion, 10/22
- "Over the Top" Ballroom dance performance & lessons, 11/1

"What would it take to change the lives of poor children — not one by one, through heroic interventions and occasional miracles, but in big numbers, and in a way that could be replicated nationwide?" - Paul Tough in Whatever It Takes.

- Children's Essay/Art Contest and Mural Project
- Culminating lecture by Geoffrey Canada, the President of the Harlem Children's Zone, 11/4
- Education Study Group



For a full schedule and details:

Visit www.springfieldpublicforum.org and click on 2009 City Thinks, or pick up a program guide at your local library.



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