



## City Thinks 2009:

### Education, Poverty and a Call to Action

*A program of the Springfield Public Forum and the Springfield City Library*

Join renowned experts, educators and fellow community members as “the city thinks” about urban education and poverty. For a complete schedule of events, please visit [www.springfieldpublicforum.org](http://www.springfieldpublicforum.org) or pick up a program guide at your local library. **SOME PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

Date/Time	Event	Location
10/5, 7 p.m.	<b>Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i></b>	<b>American International College, Amaron Hall, 1000 State St., Springfield</b>
10/8, 6-8 pm	Mural Project, “Only I Know” with 10000 Cranes Studios, for children ages 6-18	Brightwood Branch Library 359 Plainfield St., Springfield
10/13, 12-1 p.m.	<b>Central Library Book Discussion: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i></b>	<b>Central Library 765 State St., Springfield</b>
10/15 6:15 p.m. reception 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, Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center, Griswold Theater, 1000 State St, Springfield
10/19, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.	<b>Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i></b>	<b>Elms College, Alumnae Library Theater, 291 Springfield St., Chicopee</b>
10/16, 12-1 p.m.	Cooking demonstration of African American cuisine/foodways	Pahmusa Museum, Tower Square, 1500 Main St., 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor, Springfield
10/20, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i></b>	<b>Western New England College 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfield</b>
10/22, 7:30 p.m.	Educator panel discussion. Challenges and Strategies: Urban Education Nationally and Locally	MacDuffie School Auditorium 1 Ames Hill Drive, Springfield
10/24, 1-4 p.m.	<b>“Bug House” chess competition for adults and youth. All levels welcome.</b>	<b>Central Library 765 State St., Springfield</b>
10/27, 7 p.m.	Documentary Screening and Discussion: <i>Hard Times at Douglass High</i>	Sinai Temple 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield
10/28, 6:30 p.m.	<b>Book Discussion Group: <i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada’s Quest to Change Harlem and America</i></b>	<b>East Forest Park Library 122 Island Pond Road, Springfield</b>
11/1, 10:30 a.m. brunch 12 p.m. performance	Over the Top Ballroom Performance/Lessons: Join ballroom dance students from local schools and learn how to cha-cha, tango and more!	Bay Path College Dining Commons 588 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow (\$6 fee for brunch, performance is free)
11/4, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Lecture with Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO of Harlem Children Zone</b>	<b>Symphony Hall 34 Court St., Springfield</b>
11/9 7 p.m.	City Thinks Wrap Up Discussion: Where do we go from here?	Central Library, 765 State St., Springfield

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