



# **The City Thinks: Considering China**

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW FALL 2008**

*A 2008 program of the Springfield Public Forum,  
the Springfield City Library,  
and the American International College Honors Program*

Be part of **The City Thinks**, a regional program which considers the issue of China as a rising power. Read and discuss *China Road*, listen to an expert speaker, make Chinese cultural art or write an essay! Visit [SpringfieldPublicForum.org](http://SpringfieldPublicForum.org) or [SpringfieldLibrary.org](http://SpringfieldLibrary.org) for more details or stop by your local library.

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Partial 2008 The City Thinks Events Schedule</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct. 30 6:00 pm reception 7:00 pm lecture	<b>The City Thinks Kick-Off Reception</b> Lecture/discussion with Yale Professor Paul including a performance by WenWei "Wayne" Wang, nationally recognized erhu (Chinese 2 stringed violin) player	American International College Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center Lobby and West Wing Gallery 1000 State St., Springfield, MA
Nov. 2 11:00 am	Chinese Dance, Music and Movement Asian-inspired brunch (\$6) followed by interactive dance and music performance	Bay Path College Blake Student Commons Dining Room 588 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow, MA
Nov. 6 12:00 pm	China Behind the Headlines: World Affairs Council \$7 admission (free to students); \$15 admission with lunch. RSVP to: <a href="mailto:cmelcher@worldaffairsCouncil.com">cmelcher@worldaffairsCouncil.com</a>	Sovereign Bank Building Conference Room 1350 Main St., 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Springfield, MA
Nov. 8 & 9 Varying times	Explore the culture of China with presentations at the libraries on Saturday and cultural programming at the museums on Sunday. Visit <a href="http://www.springfieldpublicforum.org">www.springfieldpublicforum.org</a> for details.	Chinese Culture Weekend at the Springfield Libraries and Museums!
Nov. 12 6:30 pm	Feng Shui Class with Lynn Curry. (Advance registration suggested - call or visit <a href="http://www.springfieldlibrary.org">www.springfieldlibrary.org</a> to sign up.)	East Springfield Branch Library 21 Osborne Terrace, Springfield, MA
Nov. 13 3:30 pm	Student/educator small Group discussion with China Road author Rob Gifford. (Advance registration required - email <a href="mailto:citythinks@yahoo.com">citythinks@yahoo.com</a> by November 1, 2008)	Springfield Sheraton Hotel One Monarch Place Springfield, MA
<b>Nov. 13 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Public Forum Lecture: NPR bureau chief and author of <i>China Road</i>, Rob Gifford</b>	<b>Springfield Symphony Hall Court Street, Springfield</b>
Nov. 14 3:00 pm	Shaolin Kung Fu Demonstration Class presented by the Shaolin Kung Fu Center. (Recommended for ages 5-13)	Forest Park Branch Library 380 Belmont Ave., Springfield, MA
Nov. 21 & 22	Asian Inspirations: Art, food and flowers. Springfield Garden Club Event	Wilbraham and Monson Academy 423 Main Street, Wilbraham
Ongoing	Documentary Screenings and Discussions: <i>2 Million Minutes</i>	Springfield City High Schools, Wilbraham and Monson Academy, Springfield City Library, STCC
Ongoing	Book Discussion Groups Visit <a href="http://SpringfieldPublicForum.org">SpringfieldPublicForum.org</a> for more details	Springfield City Libraries, Wilbraham and Monson Academy, Elms College, Asnuntuck C.C. and AIC
Ongoing	Children's art/cultural activities	Springfield City Libraries; all branches
Ongoing	Student Essay Contest, grades 6-college deadline: October 10, 2008	Visit <a href="http://SpringfieldPublicForum.org">SpringfieldPublicForum.org</a> for rules and entry forms.

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