Event Program Guide 2010
The One Book, One Community program encourages the Danbury and Western Connecticut State University communities to read the same book during the summer and fall of 2009, then come together to discuss the text in venues throughout the city and university.

Although many communities across America sponsor similar programs, ours is one of the few where a city public library, a school system and a university have formed a partnership for this initiative. Our hope is that many individuals, from all walks of life, will unite in discussion of this one book, making us one community.

Our mission is to promote literacy, support intergenerational and multicultural book-centered discussions, and foster a sense of community by bringing people together through the reading of the same book.

Please visit our website at onebookdanbury.org.

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Danbury Library, Danbury Public Schools and Western Connecticut State University introduce our 2010 One Book, One Community title: *The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien. It’s no stretch to say that each of us engages in numerous and diverse conflicts throughout our lives. Write an essay in which you discuss your greatest life challenge or conflict and the literal and spiritual “things” you “carry” to remind you of, and help you cope with, that challenge. How does Tim O’Brien’s *The Things They Carried* help you put your own challenge or conflict into perspective?

For entry forms and essay guidelines, please visit onebookdanbury.org. Entry forms are also available at the Danbury Library, Danbury High School Media Center and Western Connecticut State University Haas Library.

**Instructions:**

- One essay per person
- No more than 1,500 words
- All entries must be submitted online
- Essay must be received by October 4, 2010

A $200 cash prize will be awarded to the winner in each of the three essay submission categories:

- High school student
- WCSU student
- Community (age 18 and over and not a high school or WCSU student)

Winners will also join Tim O’Brien for dinner on Tuesday, October 26.

All community book discussions are free and open to the public. Suggested book discussion questions can be found on the One Book, One Community website. Copies of *The Things They Carried* can be borrowed from the Danbury Library or purchased at Barnes & Noble and Borders Books & Music.

Sunday, Oct. 3  
Danbury Library, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6  
WCSU Haas Library**, noon

Tuesday, Oct. 19  
WCSU Haas Library**, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20  
Danbury High School Library, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20  
Barnes & Noble, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21  
Borders Books & Music, 7:30 p.m.

*Danbury Library is located at 170 Main Street, on the corner of West Street and Main Street.  
**WCSU Haas Library is located on the Midtown campus at 181 White Street in Danbury.*

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Tuesday, Oct. 5
Panel discussion: "Coming Home"
WCSU, Midtown campus, Alumni Hall, 7 p.m.
A panel discussion featuring veterans from various wars. Individuals will share their experiences during or after conflict settings to domestic settings, and how, in some cases, they engaged in this transition more than once.

Sunday, Oct. 17
Rin Tin Tin Viêt Càfé in New York City
Bus leaves at 9 a.m., returns at approximately 5 p.m.
$36 per person; call the Danbury Library at (203) 796-8061 for ticket information
Experience the distinctive cuisine of Vietnam in a world class restaurant. Our visit starts with a cooking demonstration by Viet Café owner and chef Lan Tinh Day followed by a five-course traditional Vietnamese meal served family style.

Wednesday, Oct. 13
Vietnamesed-Bombed Lunch
WCSU, Midtown campus, Student Center Caféeteria, noon
Grab your chopsticks and enjoy an authentic Vietnamese lunch. On the menu is Pho, the national soup of Vietnam. Add some traditional garnishes, such as basil, lime, bean sprouts or onions and become a Phnomian—one who loves to eat Pho. Lunch includes a selection of Vietnamese soups, salads, entrées and desserts. Free for WCSU students on the meal plan. $8.55 for all guests. Serving from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 14
Film Screening: "The Hurt Locker"
Bethel Cinema, Greenwood Ave., Bethel, 10 a.m.
Based on the personal wartime experiences of journalist Mark Boal, director Kathryn Bigelow’s Best Picture Oscar-winning Iraq War thriller presents the conflict from the perspective of soldiers. The members of an elite Army Explosive Ordnance Disposal team face the constant threat of death from incoming bombs and sharp-shooting snipers in Baghdad, as well as the danger of dismantling improvised explosive devices. Jeremy Renner, Guy Pearce, and Ralph Fiennes star.

Tuesday, Oct. 26
Author Talk: Tim O’Brien
WCSU, Midtown campus, Ives Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Tim O’Brien will discuss his book, and a Q & A with the audience will immediately follow his presentation.