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Gordon Parks' *The Learning Tree* chosen as the first Kansas "One Book" project
**** *David Parks to appear in Fort Scott***

Fort Scott—*The Learning Tree* by Fort Scott native Gordon Parks has been chosen as the 2007 Kansas "one book, one state" reading project for adults. The statewide project is sponsored by the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library and promoted by Kansas libraries, bookstores, and others from January 29, Kansas Day, through April 30, 2007.

A committee of experienced librarians was appointed to plan, produce and implement this statewide project that encourages Kansas adults to read, discuss and experience the same book. The committee selected a book with broad-based appeal that could encourage and sustain spirited discussion.

The Gordon Parks Center at Fort Scott Community College will host several activities over the next few months to promote the one book project such as a book discussion group, showing of the film version of the book, and other events.

To kick off activities there will be an **appearance by David Parks, son of Gordon Parks, at the Gordon Parks Center on Monday, January 29 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Parks will discuss the book and answer questions, according to Gordon Parks Center Director Jill Warford. The Center is located in the Academic Building on the FSCC campus and the public is invited to attend.

Copies of *The Learning Tree* are available for checkout at the Fort Scott Public Library and may also be purchased at the Gordon Parks Center at FSCC. For more information on the state library one book project see the resource page on the Kansas Center for the Book's website at: <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/orgs/kcfb/learningtree.htm>

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