



Gordon Parks -- RESOURCES -- Program Ideas

- Book discussions – To find discussion leaders, check local colleges, universities, or high schools. Hold discussions at different times and locations to include as many participants as possible.
- Bring in a speaker or performer to talk about Gordon Parks, his life, and his art.
- Hold showings of Parks' films.
- Hold a photography contest and/or exhibit for local photographers.
- Have a local photographer discuss his/her works and/or hold photography classes.
- Hold a panel discussion to discuss race relations in your community.
- Host a program featuring readings from Parks' poetry and other literary works.
- Hold a poetry writing contest.
- Partner with other agencies and organizations to provide programming.

Possible Presentations & Presenters

Musical Tribute to Gordon Parks

Lemuel Sheppard,
Pittsburg, KS

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"Gordon Parks' *Learning Tree* Experience"

John Edgar Tidwell, Dept. of English
University of Kansas

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Book through the Kansas Humanities Council:

Phone ► 785-357-0359

Website ► www.kansashumanities.org

Talk and PowerPoint presentation on Parks' life and work

Jill Warford, Director of the Gordon Parks Center for Culture and Diversity
Fort Scott Community College
2108 S. Horton
Fort Scott, KS 66701

Phone ► 800-874-3722, ext. 515

Website ► <http://gordonparkscenter.org>

Available to speak on Parks' filmmaking career; and to lead discussions of *The Learning Tree*

Kevin Willmott, Assistant Professor, KU Dept of Theatre and Film
University of Kansas

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The African American Experience in Kansas

Traveling Trunk for grades 5-8
Kansas State Historical Society
Education and Outreach Division
Phone ► 785-272-8681, ext. 251
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