

Labor history books for children 11-17 provided by Jaclyn Kelly of the Wisconsin Labor History Society

All of these books except for “Coal Mountain Elementary” are available through the Milwaukee County Federated Library System.

Non-fiction

Cesar Chavez: A Photographic Essay
Ilan Stavans

Fannie Never Flinched: One Woman’s Courage in the Struggle for American Labor Union Rights
Mary Cronk Farrell

Kids on Strike!
Susan Campbell Bartoletti

Coal Mountain Elementary (not available through the Milwaukee County Federated Library System)
Mark Nowak

Fiction

Bread and Roses, Too
Katherine Paterson

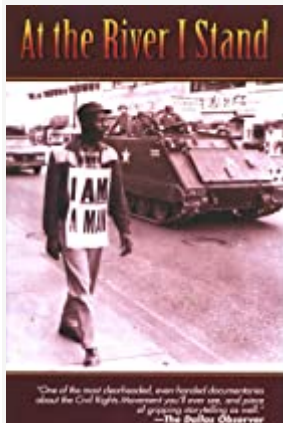
Mama’s Window
Lynn Rubright

Uprising
Margaret Peterson Haddix

Fire in the Hole!
Mary Cronk Farrell

Lyddie
Katherine Paterson

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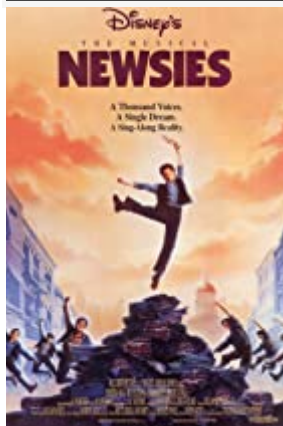


At the River I Stand

Not Rated | 56 min | Documentary

This moving documentary recounts the two months leading to Martin Luther King Jr.'s death in 1968, coinciding with the 65-day strike of 1300 Memphis sanitation workers. Incorporates stirring archival footage from the time.

Directors: [David Appleby](#), [Allison Graham](#), [Steven John Ross](#) | Star: [Paul Winfield](#)



Newsies

A musical based on the New York City newsboy strike of 1899. When young newspaper sellers are exploited beyond reason by their bosses they set out to enact change and are met by the ruthlessness of big business.

Director: [Kenny Ortega](#) | Stars: [Christian Bale](#), [Bill Pullman](#), [Robert Duvall](#), [Ann-Margret](#)

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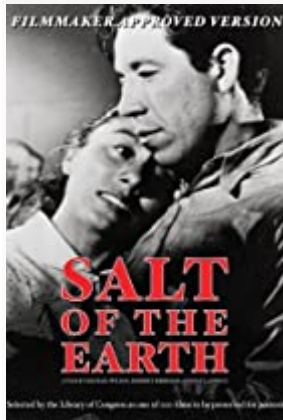


Norma Rae

PG | 114 min | Drama

A young single mother and textile worker agrees to help unionize her mill despite the problems and dangers involved.

Director: [Martin Ritt](#) | Stars: [Sally Field](#), [Beau Bridges](#), [Ron Leibman](#), [Pat Hingle](#)

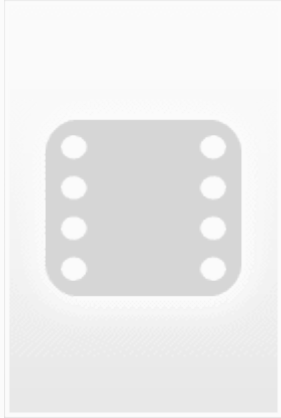


Salt of the Earth

Mexican workers at a Zinc mine call a general strike. It is only through the solidarity of the workers, and importantly the indomitable resolve of their wives, mothers and daughters, that they eventually triumph.

Director: [Herbert J. Biberman](#) | Stars: [Juan Chacón](#), [Rosaura Revueltas](#), [Will Geer](#), [David Bauer](#)

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With Babies and Banners: Story of the Women's Emergency Brigade

45 min | Documentary

From December 1936 to February 1937 members of the United Auto Workers organized a sit-down strike inside the General Motors Fisher Body 1 and 2 plants in Flint, Michigan. They ultimately won recognition of their union and improved wages and conditions. "With Babies and Banners" tells the story of the Women's Emergency Brigade, composed of female GM workers and the wives of men involved in the sit-down strike, which not only provided support services (like running the union kitchens that provided food to the strikers occupying the plants) but did picket duty themselves. It intercuts footage from 1937 with interviews with the same women 40 years later, still active in union politics and still pressuring the UAW to acknowledge women as equals.

Director: [Lorraine Gray](#)



How Green Was My Valley

Not Rated | 118 min | Drama, Family

At the turn of the century in a Welsh mining village, the Morgans, he stern, she gentle, raise coal-mining sons and hope their youngest will find a better life.

Director: [John Ford](#) | Stars: [Walter Pidgeon](#), [Maureen O'Hara](#), [Anna Lee](#), [Donald Crisp](#)

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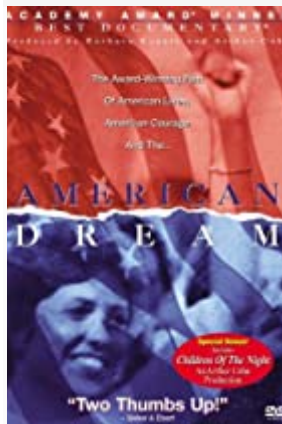


Harlan County U.S.A.

PG | 103 min | Documentary

A heartbreaking record of the thirteen-month struggle between a community fighting to survive and a corporation dedicated to the bottom line. The film won the Oscar for Best Documentary in 1976, and don't be scared by the word "documentary" -- it plays like a feature film, with amazing filmmakers embedded in the community. Some violence, rated PG but might consider this PG-13.

Director: [Owen Gower](#) | Stars: [Norman Strike](#), [Paul Symonds](#), [Steve Hammill](#), [Mike Jackson](#)



American Dream

PG-13 | 98 min | Documentary

This acclaimed documentary focuses on a mid-1980s workers' strike at a Hormel meatpacking plant in Minnesota. After employees have both their wages and benefits cut, the local union endorses a strike, but complications arise when the national branch of the union doesn't follow suit. This divide in viewpoints has unexpected consequences for organized labor in the United States, and makes for intriguing depictions of workers' rights, strikes and union negotiations.

Directors: [Barbara Kopple](#), [Cathy Caplan](#), [Thomas Haneke](#), [Lawrence Silk](#) | Stars: [Jesse Jackson](#), [Juan Munoz](#), [Ray Rogers](#)

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Gung Ho

PG-13 | 111 min | Comedy, Drama

When a Japanese car company buys an American plant, the American liaison must mediate the clash of work attitudes between the foreign management and native labor.

Director: [Ron Howard](#) | Stars: [Michael Keaton](#), [Gedde Watanabe](#), [George Wendt](#), [Mimi Rogers](#)



Sometimes a Great Notion

A family of fiercely independent Oregon loggers struggle to keep the family business alive amidst changing times.

Director: [Paul Newman](#) | Stars: [Paul Newman](#), [Henry Fonda](#), [Lee Remick](#), [Michael Sarrazin](#)