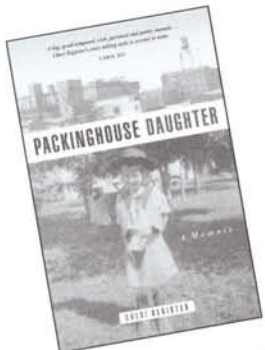


# UNTOLD STORIES

a series of free programs sponsored by The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library celebrating Labor History Month

## DEFENDER OF LABOR — ATTORNEY WILLIAM ERWIN: presented by Dave Riehle

Tuesday, May 8, 7 p.m., Landmark Center, Room 430, 75 W. 5th St.  
Saint Paul lawyer William Erwin was at the forefront of defending workers' rights during the 1890s, providing a defense of union workers in two milestone events in American labor history, the great strike at Andrew Carnegie's Homestead steel mill near Pittsburgh, and the Pullman railroad strike in Chicago. Speaker Dave Riehle is an officer of United Transportation Union Local 650 and active in the Saint Paul Trades and Labor Assembly. In his free time, he enjoys researching the stories of working people and their unions.



## PACKINGHOUSE DAUGHTER: with author Cheri Register

Thursday, May 10, 7 p.m.  
Riverview Branch Library, 1 E. George St., Saint Paul  
Cheri Register's *Packinghouse Daughter* merges personal memoir and history to tell a compelling story about family loyalty, small-town life, and working-class values in the face of a violent labor strike in 1959. The daughter of a Wilson & Co. packinghouse worker, Register recalls the meatpackers' strike that devastated and divided her hometown of Albert Lea. Published by the Minnesota Historical Society Press, *Packinghouse Daughter* has received rave reviews, including a nomination for a 2000 Minnesota Book Award. Cheri Register is a writer and teacher of creative writing, living in Minneapolis.

## SONGS OF WORK AND LABOR: with local troubador Larry Long

Wednesday, May 16, 7 p.m.  
Highland Park Branch Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., Saint Paul  
"... Larry Long ... sings where we are, about what is happening. He takes the real sound, the real words and gives us back our songs and we hear what singers we all are and how beautiful, and how strong" - *Meridel Le Sueur*. Join acclaimed singer Larry Long as he performs a selection of songs celebrating work and workers. Long recently saw the release of his seventh CD, *Well May the World Go*, celebrating love, work and community (*Smithsonian Folkways*, 2000).



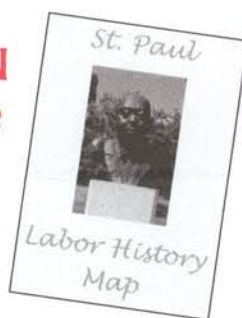
## THE GIRLS ARE COMING: with author Peggie Carlson

Thursday, May 17, 7 p.m.  
UAW-Ford-MnSCU Training Center at the Ford Assembly Plant  
Ford Parkway, one block west of Cretin Ave., Saint Paul  
In 1974, lured by good wages, a 22-year-old African American college student from suburban Minneapolis started work as a pipefitter trainee for Minnegasco. Peggie Samples was one of the first four women hired by the company into non-secretarial jobs. On the job, she met men who were hostile, men who were helpful, and men who were simply flummoxed to find "girls" in their midst. Carlson's memoir is the sometimes hilarious story of how they learned to work together — and what they all learned about stereotypes. Peggie Carlson is a freelance writer living in Minneapolis. She is also the author of *The Canning Season*.



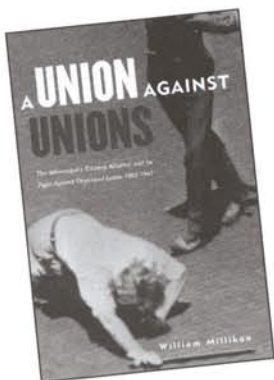
## WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN LABOR SITES: led by Dave Riehle

Sunday, May 20, 1 p.m.  
Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th St., Saint Paul. Meet at entrance.  
Join local historian Dave Riehle for a look at Saint Paul's historic downtown through labor's eyes.



## A UNION AGAINST UNIONS: with author William Millikan

Tuesday, May 22, 7 p.m.  
Labor and Professional Center, 411 Main St., Saint Paul  
A groundbreaking labor study, *A Union Against Unions* offers a detailed portrait of the Citizens Alliance, a consortium of Minneapolis business owners that employed any means necessary to squelch the power of organized labor during the first half of the twentieth century. Based on over ten years of meticulous archival research, this book delves into such subjects as the founding of the William Hood Dunwoody Industrial Institute, the 1917 Streetcar Strike, and the 1934 Teamsters' Strike. The book includes an introduction by Macalester College professor, Peter Rachleff. William Millikan is an independent scholar and freelance writer. He lives in Minneapolis.



## Throughout May, visit the UNTOLD STORIES Exhibit:

*A History of Labor in St. Paul, 1849-1990*  
RAMSEY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Landmark Center, 1st Floor, 75 W. 5th St., Saint Paul

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