



The Insurance Library

Research • Education • Engagement

A SNAPSHOT OF THE INSURANCE LIBRARY

HISTORY • MISSION • VISION

- The Library was established in **1887**.
- It is the country's first, and only remaining, independent library **dedicated solely to the subject of insurance**.
- The Library maintains a **unique, comprehensive collection** of insurance-related **print and digital materials** and **insurance artifacts and memorabilia**.
- The Library's **mission** is to provide excellent **research** resources and services, high-quality **educational programming**, and opportunities for **engagement and networking** for members of the insurance, risk management, and legal communities, and the public.
- The Library's **vision** is to be **recognized** as the **preeminent nonprofit provider** of such services and programs, **build** upon our **unique position as a hub** for engagement, and continue to **expand our reach nationally**.

KEY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Monthly **continuing education webinars**.
 - The Library is an **approved course provider** for producer continuing education in all six New England states (and is pursuing accreditation in other states).
 - We offer unique **webinar sponsorship** opportunities for member companies.
- **Lunch & Learn** or book **Launch & Learn** monthly virtual events.
- **Custom in-person or virtual education programs** with experienced, highly regarded instructors.
- **Collaborations** for presentations and education or networking events with Social Law Library, Boston Chapter CPCU Society, Mass. RIMS, NAAIA, AAIMCo, InnSure, Insure Equality, national service companies such as Deloitte, Marsh, A.M. Best, and others.
- As a **pro bono service**, we answer questions from consumers referred to us by the Massachusetts Division of Insurance.
- We present the **Nancy Z. Bender Award** annually to a member of the insurance community who excels at customer or community service.
- Our signature event is the annual **Insurance Professional of the Year Award Gala & Silent Auction**, where we honor an insurance professional who demonstrates outstanding leadership and exemplifies qualities that foster commitment to, understanding of, and respect for the insurance industry.

- Other examples of recent or upcoming programs and events include:
 - **DEI in Insurance** webinar.
 - **Women in Insurance** panel discussion.
 - **Summer Intern Program**, which includes education webinars, an ice cream social, and a professional headshot event for member organization summer interns and early-career employees.
 - The biennial **Insurance Library Scavenger Hunt**, which involves team-building and networking, peer-to-peer fundraising, prizes, and a fun way to learn about the history of insurance in Boston, as well as sponsorships that provide marketing and brand promotion opportunities.
- **ESGi Scholars Program**, in partnership with InnSure and Insure Equality.

SUPPORTER RECOGNITION

- The **1887 Circle** recognizes those donating to the Library’s Annual Fund for at least three consecutive years.
- Our **Sustaining Patrons** donate at least \$10,000 to our annual fund. We recognize them by scrolling their logos across the bottom of every page of our website.
- The **Henry E. Hess Benefactor Society** recognizes those providing the strongest overall financial support to the Library in the most recently ended fiscal year. The inaugural members are The Andover Companies and Safety Insurance.
- Our **Annual Donor & Sponsor Report**—published in print and online—recognizes in one place all those providing support not just by giving to our annual fund but by sponsoring and participating in our major events and programs.



In 1887, one of the Library’s founders, Henry E. Hess, then a 36-year-old special agent for The Connecticut Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, expressed the desire to make the Library “the best thing of the sort in the world.”

With the continuing support of our members, donors, and event sponsors and participants, we can do just that.