Social Security: Fifty Years in Review*

Since 1935, the social security program has played an integral part in the lives of millions of Americans. The following publications, which are available in the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) Headquarters Library, provide a look at the historical development, the problems, the operations, and the future trends of the program. The past 50 years have produced many new program policies and changes. The future will see more changes as the program responds to America's needs. Readers choosing titles from this list will be rewarded with a penetrating look at one of America's most talked about social programs. The SSA Library is located in room 571, Altmeyer Building. Publications should be identified by the code number at the end of each entry.

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