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Roxbury Road Race Series To Raise Money For Library At Annual Bill Burley MidSummer Championship

ROXBURY – The Roxbury Road Race Series will hold its 32nd annual Bill Burley MidSummer Championship this year at the Minor Memorial Library on South Street and will benefit that facility through entry fees for a 4.4-mile run.

The series, which is sanctioned by the Roxbury Recreation Commission and the Road Runners Club of America, will hold the event, named after founder of the series, on Saturday, July 8, at 8:30 a.m. The loop will start near the Booth Free Elementary School, where the races were stationed from their inception under Burley in July 1977 through March 1990. He was the race director from 1977-1979. The runners will then turn left at the 1.7-mile mark and travel up the steep hills on Squire Road and then turn left and go up a hill and down a hill on Apple Lane until they turn right to South Street and finish at the school.

Burley, a former longtime educator and Roxbury resident, modeled the series after a similar venue that had been run in Westport in the 1970s.

Each entrant will have to have a Road Runners Club of America membership waiver or sign a waiver that day. There will be a \$5 entry fee, with proceeds going to the library. Additional donations will be accepted.

Parking and bathroom facilities will be available at the library.

In June 2016, the runners and the library co-sponsored Exercise Your Mind to promote the library's summer reading program, which was being supervised by Teresa Roxburgh, the library's director.

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