

MATTHEW FLOOD Local Lacrosse Player & Fundraising Star

By Jenna Caputo



Matthew Flood is a Faceoff Specialist on the Shenendehowa Varsity Lacrosse team with a mission. As a senior, he looks back on his time with the team with satisfaction. “I love that I can work on my craft as a Faceoff Specialist and help my team. I spent many nights going to Mamaroneck to train with the best Faceoff guys in the state,” he says.

In May 2021, Matthew fractured his back in two places, but worked hard to overcome the setback so he could finish out his senior year. When Russia invaded the Ukraine earlier this year, Matthew knew he wanted to do something to help. The cause had a special place in his heart since his family is Ukrainian. His mother, Councilwoman Amy Flood, had organized a Ukrainian fundraiser for the Town of Clifton Park, and Matthew thought



the whole team could help out. He spoke with the coach and his teammates, and they created a one-time event for the community to come out and donate what they could. The team carried boxes and organized and separated the medical supplies people donated. By the time it was over, the event raised \$12,000! However, the community can still help out. Anyone interested in volunteering can reach out to the **St. Nicholas Ukrainian Church in Watervliet** or at 518Ukrainains.com.

In school, Matthew loved his business classes and has decided to major in Business at LeMoyne College in Syracuse this coming fall. In addition to lacrosse, he has also participated in youth football, hockey, and wrestling. In his free time, he loves to hunt, fish, workout, and listen to music.

AT THE LIBRARY

Concerts & More at the Library

By Rebecca Dyehouse, Head of Adult Services

Clear your calendar! Summer is here and it's time once again for the Concert on the Lawn series at the **Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library**. Join us on **Thursday, July 21 at 7pm** for classic surf and beach music from the early 60s and beyond with Big Fez and the Surfatics. Head over with the whole family for an evening of activities, fun, and dancing—check our website for more information.

On **Thursday, August 11 at 7pm**, folk singer **Cosby Gibson** will perform Songs of the Erie Canal—authentic historical songs and anecdotes from the 1800s. This performance is perfect for adults and older children.

Music not your thing? Try out a **meditation class**, a **craft program**, or join a book group. The Library has something for everyone!

And, last but not least, don't forget to sign up for our **Summer Reading Challenge**. There's still time for all ages to read and participate. Pick up a challenge booklet at the Library, track your minutes read, and participate in fun activities all summer long for a chance to win awesome prizes!

Check out our website for the full lineup of summer activities: www.cphlibrary.org. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the Library!



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