

**LACONI YSS General Meeting
November 19, 2011**

**Connecting Boys With Books by Michael Sullivan
Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, IL**

At 10:05 a.m., President Shelley Campbell called the meeting to order. She read the LACONI YSS mission statement, discussed the schedule for the day, and introduced the board members.

Secretary's Report

The September 23, 2011 general meeting secretary's report was read and filed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was read and filed.

Vice President Dee Delaney shared upcoming programs, then introduced Michael Sullivan. The business meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Michael Sullivan began the morning with statistics on boys and reading culled from academic research. He challenged libraries to be different and approach boys at the level they are ready for developmentally. He encouraged reading aloud to boys (and girls) of all ages to foster language acquisition and communication skills.

We broke for lunch at 12:00 p.m. Lunch was a baked potato bar catered by Catered Productions of Libertyville.

At 1:07, Michael Sullivan began a storytelling workshop, showing ways to engage children in creating and telling their own stories. Then, he moved into discussing "boys literature." He explained why certain genres and styles appeal to boys, and how most librarians judge these types of books. He encouraged us to evaluate books from the point of view of the patron and their needs, not our preconceived notions of what makes books good literature.

The session ended at 3:05 p.m.