

# Raising Readers Backpack

Congratulations! By checking out and using this backpack from **Capital Area District Libraries**, you are helping your child develop important literacy skills. Although these skills are very important, they can also be fun to learn.

In fact, every time you use one of these five simple practices with your child, you are helping him or her develop into a lifelong learner: **reading, writing, talking, singing** and **playing**.

Here are some ideas for using the items in this backpack:

- Read the books together, pointing out new words as you go along.
- Write some of the letters or words you see in the book.
- Talk with your child about the items in the kit. Ask what he or she thinks the stories might be about.
- Listen to the music on the CD or DVD.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine together what might happen next.

*Read • Write • Talk • Sing • Play*

This tip sheet stays with the backpack. For a copy of your own, visit any CADL branch or [cadl.org/raisingreaders](http://cadl.org/raisingreaders).

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# NATURE

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

### Songs and Rhymes

#### Red Apple

Five red apples in a grocery store  
Bobby bought one & then there were 4,  
Four red apples on an apple tree,  
Susie ate one & then there were 3  
Three red apples. What did Alice do?  
Why she ate one & then there were 2  
Two red apples ripening in the sun  
Tommy ate one, & now there was one  
One red apple & now we are done  
I ate the last one & now there are none!

#### Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar  
Into a corner will creep  
(creep fingers)  
He'll spin himself a blanket  
And then fall fast asleep  
(rest head, close eyes)  
Fuzzy, wuzzy caterpillar  
Very soon will rise (wake up)  
And find he has grown beautiful wings  
Now he's a butterfly!

### Games and Story Involvement

#### Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Use the characters marked for the brown bear brown bear story and have the characters act out the story.

#### The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Use the characters marked for the very hungry caterpillar to act out the story of the very hungry caterpillar.

For added interaction, have your child tell you how they remember the story and act it out with the characters.

### Craft

**Birdfeeder:** Take a empty toilet paper roll or pinecone and put peanut butter all over the outside. Next roll the peanut butter covered roll or pinecone in birdseed so the outside is covered. Tie a string to the tube and hang from a tree and watch the birds come to visit!

Extras: Free app Animal Sounds for Kids created by Purple Fig Studios (go to your app store and search for Animal Sounds for Kids)

