

# 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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# DINOSAURS

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

**Activity:** Dino Says (*a variation on 'Simon Says'*)

Ex: Dino says run, dino says stamp your feet! Remember, don't do the action unless 'Dino Says'!

**Song/Activity:** "Ten Little Dinosaurs"

One little, two little, three little dinosaurs,  
four little, five little, six little dinosaurs,  
seven little, eight little, nine little dinosaurs  
Ten little dinosaurs roaring!

*(Use other actions for the last word of the song: laughing, jumping, sleeping, etc.)*

**Craft:** Make your own "fossils". Let your kids explore outside, collecting sticks, rocks, leaves, etc. and then press them in clay for a cool fossil shape.

**Craft:** Use a couple of empty rectangular tissue boxes to make "dinosaur feet". Cover them with construction paper, stickers, felt, yarn, anything you have around the house. Pop your feet in and you're dino-fied!

