

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.

MICHIGAN BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Songs/Action Rhymes to use with the Robin Audubon bird

Little Robin Redbreast

Little Robin Redbreast
Sat upon a tree,
Up went the Pussy-Cat,
And down went he;
Down came Pussy-Cat,
Away Robin ran,
Says little Robin Redbreast—
Catch me if you can.

Little Robin

Little Robin Redbreast
Sat upon a rail;
Niddle noble went his head,
Widdle waggle went his tail

Robin Audubon Bird

The American Robin is the state bird of Michigan. Take a walk with the robin and see if you can hear the robin's song in your neighborhood. Can you see the Robin?

Colorback Sea Turtle

This adorable wooden puzzle builds eye/hand coordination as well as concentration and problem solving skills while your child practices color recognition.

