

# 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).

# DANCE

## BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

**Spend** some time talking with your children about dancing. Where do people dance? Why? They will probably find that most dances are centered around happiness and celebrating.

**Discuss** how dancing is involved in their lives and then talk about how dancing is a part of peoples' lives around the world.

**Use** the streamers to teach them movement with the music cd.

**Give** them a chance to use the egg shakers to make music while they dance.

**Try** making your own musical instruments or streamers from household items. Any hard plastic container with a lid can be filled with beans, popcorn, rice, etc. to make a sound when shaken. Strips of cloth or colorful paper can be used for streamers.

**Encourage** them to make up their own dances.

