

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 watch the DVD together. Play with the toys included in the backpack.
- After finishing one of the stories, imagine 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.

MAGIC BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

“Five Magic Rabbits”

Five magic rabbits in a tall black hat

Along comes a magician who gives each one a pat

He waves his magic wand high above their ears,

Abracadabra, poof! One rabbit disappears (count down)

Credit: Youth Literature

Activity:

Pick some items at home to hide in the magic hat and then practice saying what the items are and adding new vocabulary each day.

Magic, magic, in my hat!

I'll pull out a rabbit

Ready? 1..2..3

(I pulled out a purple scarf, then a pink flower, followed by a small cow puppet)

Poof! Ahhhh! What is that?!

Credit: SLC Book Boy

Wand Craft: Use popsicle sticks and decorate with stars and glitter.

Credit: SLC Book Boy

