

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.

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BACKPACK ACTIVITIES

Play library using the kit in your backpack:

Put on the library apron and lanyard to become the librarian.

Assign library cards to friends, stuffed animals, or family members.

Get your library ready by getting out the items to check out.

To allow a family member to check out the item, they must show you their library card. Scan the library card and then scan the item.

Feel free to create or use your own items to check out at home as you play library.

Bring your child to the library and sign him/her up for a library card—and bring any other friends or family members that don't have a library card in for one, too! Infants, toddlers, children, and teens can all get free library cards, regardless of age! Use your new card to check out some library materials.

Celebrate reading! Pick out your child's favorite book and read it together.

Help your child create their own book. Make it a wordless book with just illustrations your child has drawn. Or transcribe a story that your child tells you. If your child is able to draw letters and numbers, allow him or her to write in the book.

Try out some of the library's new interactive learning databases just for kids! Our newest, ABCMouse, can be accessed from computers inside of the library.

Check out BookFlix and Tumblebooks at home or the library by going to our website cadl.org.

